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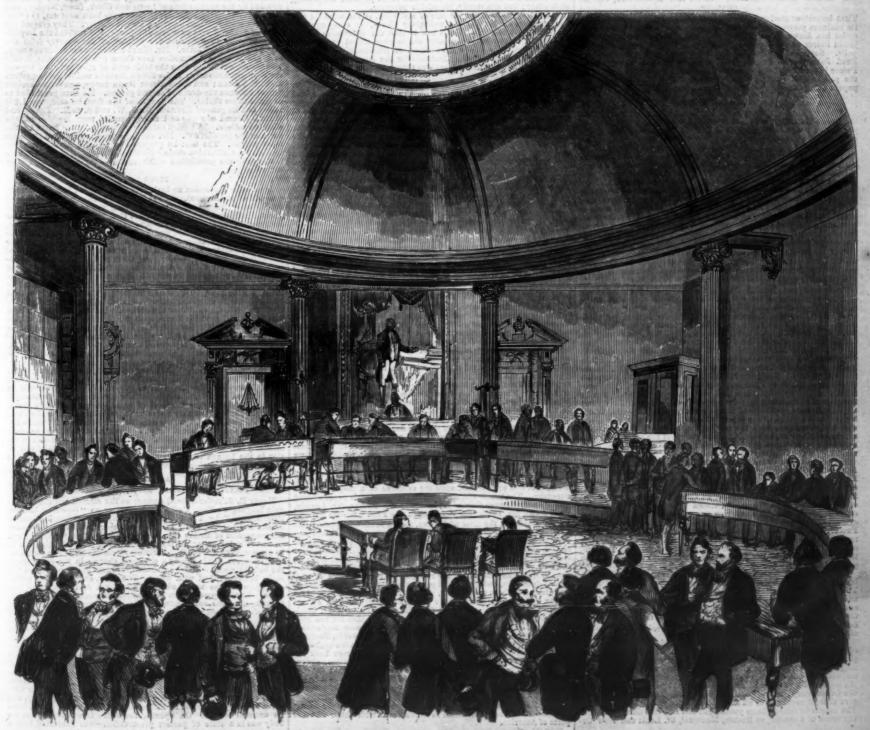
THE EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

OUR Republican institutions are founded upon the broad and comprehensive principle, that "the people are capable of self-government." This proposition implies not only that the people have the capacity to attend to their political institutions, but also pre-supposes, that they have a determination to see that they are governed faithfully and well, holding their public servants to strict accountability for their conduct, rewarding those who are faithful, and punishing those who are derelict, or betray their trust. In the earlier days of our history, it cannot be denied that we had a better race of men than the present in our national councils, and it is also true that the voters regarded their privileges with pride, and gave their suffrages only to responsible, conscientious men. In the times we refer to, it was especially the case that members of Congress were influenced by high and honorable notions regarding the dignity of their office and the responsibility of their stations, and their constituents were equally jealous and equally

whole duty to themselves and to the country at large. Here was an illustration of the proper working of a representative government, and so long as it existed, everything went on harmoniously, and there were laid, as a consequence, the foundations of that wonderful prosperity and profound internal peace which have heretofore characterized our national history. To the hopeful and the patriotic it would seem that, as our borders extended, as our population increased, as our moral power became more omnipotent, our representatives in Congress would feel additional dignity, and be awed into the most profound self-respect, because of the high responsibilities intrusted to them by a generous constituency. Alas! this is not the case. Each year of late has developed a lower grade of conduct and an inferior aggregate mind; and this has gone on until the Congress, the first session of which has just come to a close, has become proverbial for degradation, brutality, and self-contempt-its very name stinking in the nostrils of the people-an absolute terror to our wellproud and exacting, satisfied only when their "servants" did their disposed and conservative people. Will the voters in the coming

elections punish these brawlers, these rowdies? Will the voters select new men-gentlemen of higher character, and of conscientious, patriotic motives?-or will party drill, appeals to the passions, and utter indifference on the part of the constituencies, allow these enemies to liberty and our good name again to desecrate our national Capitol, and for another session of two years aid in undermining the pillars of our constitution, of aring the Ephesian dome of our dear bought liberties? The question is a solemn and a momentous one; and if in the pursuit of material wealth-if from supineness-if from utter indifference, the people fail to answer, then indeed is the future dark, and the abyss to which our national affairs are hastening is yawning at our feet.

For more than nine long months has Congress been in session. In all that time, it is not unguarded to say, that nothing positively interesting the welfare of the nation has been really regarded; if anything good has been accomplished, it was a result never anticipated, nor thought of in the logic of current events. One



SECTION OF MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, AND ASTRONOMY, MERTING IN THE SENATE CHAMBER, CAPITOL, ALBANY, N. Y.

subject, however, of vast importance has been constantly before both houses of Congress-and this is, the claims of Kansas to peternal care. A territory in helplessness has importuned for order-has asked for constitutional laws-desired assistance What has been the result? Can the people of this country find any party that has conscientiously acted, that has labored with an eye single to correct the evils complained of, without regard to election earing finesse, and the effect it would have on the approaching Presidential election. To us it would seem that all justice and all truth have been swallowed up in this unholy struggle, and the ultimate possession of patronage by the government has absorbed every faculty, paralyzed every disinterested effort to serve the country for the good of the country alone. At the eleventh hour, a proviso is attached to the army bill in the Lower House, and made the sine qua non of the passage of the bill. The great right arm of our national defences rests upon a measure, which for months has been discussed in Congress, and yet has never had the proper expression in a well-framed act. The time for adjournment comes—the moment arrives—and the legislative power for the instant is dead, and our army, scattered over the frontiers of our vast Republic, is prospectively without pay-disorganized and lost. The President, once in his life, is prompt, and calls an extra session. Congress again lives; the army bill, with its appropriations, is before the national council; but there is no harmony between the two branches. The Senate and the House are as wide asunder as ever, and practically, for the moment at least, the Union is dissolved. It is the part of good citizens of all locations, of the North, South, the East and West. to contemplate this state of things with solemnity and with forbearance. The time has come when passion should not sway, when reason should assert her throne, when the people in fact should express their indignation upon their individual representatives, and by a hearty, thorough, and complete change in the character of our Congressmen, strike at the root of the evils which affect the country, and thus, as with a magic touch, relieve this great people of the weight which presses upon national fraternity, which, if not relieved, must eventually destroy the fairest government on the earth, and prostrate the dream of the patriot and friend of man everywhere, in the dread development that man is not internally good enough to enjoy liberty without abusing it; and that his capacity for self-government is but a dream of philosophers, a chimera of the wild man's brain.

SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION.

THE SECTION OF MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY, SENATE CHAMBER.

This important section of the Scientific Convention appropriated to its business purposes the Senate chamber of the Capitol, which an artist has drawn as an illustration. The chairman was Prof. Benjamin Peirce of Cambridge. Secretary, Prof. Chauvenet, of Annapolis. Sectional Committee, Dr. La Conte, of South Carolina; Prof. Johnston, of Conn.; Prof. Perkins, of New York. Prof. Peirce is permanent chairman of this section for the meeting, with the printing of parting of the prof. No. the privilege of naming a new chairman from day to day. papers being ready for presentation, the section adjourned

PROF. PEIRCE'S PAPER.

At a later hour of the day, Prof. Peirce, of Cambridge, read before the general meeting a condensation of a very abstruse and curious paper, entitled "The Elements of Potential Arithmetic." Though exceedingly interesting, it was of course quite impossible to follow the eloquent reader at more than a half sentence distant. The drift of the paper was to show that inasmuch as, if we have the power to make a world, we should be under the necessity of making very much such a world as this is, it is evident that the world was created by an intellect similar to ours. The Professor illustrated his doctrines by a reference to the doctrine of numbers as taught by Pythagoras, whose ideas, by the way, it was not suspected that we are by any means in full possession of. Allusion was also made to the doctrine of numbers as held by the philosophers of the East, even now; and the sentiment expressed that though there was an infinite deal of fancy in it all, there might be some truth, which it was our business to ferret out.

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Prof. Stephen Alexander treated of a possible modification of the methods of ascertaining the density of the Earth. The next paper was by John Patterson of Albany, and was altogether mathematical; a third paper, by Prof. Horsford, of a similar character.

Professor Alexander discoursed of the Moon, and the relative age of different portions of its surface. He exhibited diagrams of the moon, in comparison with the Eastern Hemisphere of the earth, and went on to show that the moon had undoubtedly been subjected to convulsions similar to those which had occurred on the earth, the convulsions similar to those which had occurred on the earth, the white objects which are observed upon its disk being evidently the matter thrown up by the convulsions which had disturbed its surface. Professor Mitchel inquired if Mr. Alexander had observed upon the moon's surface appearances like a lake and a river? Professor Alexander had observed them; they were once fluid, but are now cooled lava. Professor Mitchel noted the peculiar appearance of the river, which was one hundred and fifty miles long, and tunneled a hill, disappearing and then reappearing. He would not be understood as asserting that there were actually lakes and rivers up above. but the appearance of things was so much like them. that if

anderstood as asserting that there were actually lakes and rivers up above, but the appearance of things was so much like them, that if he were transported to the moon, with his knowledge of the earth, with his telescopes, with the privilege of observing this mundane sphere from thence, he should certainly say that the lakes and rivers here were appearances precisely similar to those of the moon, when viewed from the Cincinnati hill, for instance.

Mr. Alvah Clark described a new method of measuring Celestial Arcs, which was warmly indorsed by Professor Peirce as introducing an improvement of great use to astronomers, enabling them to manage telescopes with remarkable facility. Mr. William C. Redfield, of New York, offered a paper on various cyclones or typhoons of the North Pacific Ocean, illustrated by a chart, showing their cause of progression. This memoir comprised notices of some thirty cyclones of violent character in the trade-wind latitudes of the North Pacific. Mr. Redfield noticed the relations of the cyclones to the clones of violent character in the trade-wind saturdes of the solite. Mr. Redfield noticed the relations of the cyclones to the onsoons and trade-winds of the Pacific; and he remarked, also, on the universality of the laws of cyclonic progression and action in the lower portion of the atmosphere, throughout the oceans and

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The new instruments for the Dudley Observatory have been de-The new instruments for the Dudley Observatory have been delayed, from unavoidable causes, much longer than was anticipated. The great meridian circle, now nearly finished at Berlin, will be here and mounted in a few weeks. The transit instrument is now finished and on its way. Both of these were, by the contract made by Dr. Gould, to have been delivered before the first of this month. The delay of the former was occasioned by some defect in the first casting of the axis.

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The observatory building has required enlarging for the reception of an instrument of so much larger size than was at first contemplated. The clocks, chronograph, barometers, thermometers and magnetic apparatus, have all been received, and will be open to your inspection. The clocks, to give us time here during our meetings, are regulated by the instruments in the Observatory; and when all our arrangements are perfected, will give time, if required, to all the railroads diverging from this city. The magnetic current from yonder hill can tick the time, correct to the tenth of a second, at Boston, Montreal, St. Louis and New Or-

leans. Science shall thus point the way to secure to the works of man something of that system and order which pervade the works of God; and in contributing largely to the business facilities of the age, shall lessen greatly the hazards of human life.

We acknowledge the great obligations which science and its votaries owe to the public Press, and I am desired, in conclusion, for the purpose of securing accuracy in the published accounts of the proceedings of this Association, to request that the reporters who may attend the meetings from day to day, will submit their reports, for correction, to those who have taken part in the proceedings, before sending them to press. In no public proceedings can accuracy be more desirable, and more difficult to be secured by a spectator than in matters of science.

In repeating the cordial greeting with which I am charged, I beg leave to assure the members of the Association of the pleasure their presence affords to our citizens, and of the sincere wish of the latter, that the visit of the former to our city may be made as agreeable to themselves as it will be useful to the great cause to which it will be devoted.

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SECOND DAY.

The first paper read was by Dr. C. F. Winslow, relating the incidents of a visit to the Volcano Kilauea, and to the recent eruption of lava from the summit of Mauna Loa, Hawaii. The paper was admirably and eloquently written. The people enjoyed its picturesque descriptions, the savans meantime deeply appreciating some novel theories which seemed to grow very naturally out of the observations recorded. The scientific points raised by the reading of this paper were discussed by Mr. Vaughan, Professor Dana, and others at considerable length.

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J. E. Gavit, Esq., then called the attention of the Convention to J. E. Gavit, Esq., then called the attention of the Convention to some living garpikes captured in Lake Ontario, which Prof. Agassis pronounced of great interest from the fact that they formed a living link between the fishes that at one time alone occupied the waters of the earth—but of which almost no other types remain—and the fishes of the present era. Dr. Smallwood, of Canada, was introduced, and read a paper on "A peculiar condition of the atmosphere on the 23d of May, 1856." Dr. Hare, Mr. Reddield and Prof. Smallwood had something to say about tornadees occurring after forest on the 23d of May, 1856." Dr. Hare, Mr. Redfield and Prof. Smallwood had something to say about tornadoes occurring after forest fires. Dr. Horsford, of Cambridge, read a paper regarding ammonia in the air, and stated that the quantity was not governed by the winds in the manner which was formerly stated. Prof. C. F. McCay read a paper on the "Law of Human Mortality;" his conclusions were as follows, founded upon comparisons of English, French, German, Swiss, Dutch and American tables:

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2. This rate is continually accelerated even in a higher ratio than in geometrical progression.

3. In early manhood, the rate does not differ much from a slov

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5. There are no periods of slow and rapid increase succeeding each other; but one steady, invariable progress.

6. The law, though not the rate of mortality, is the same for city and country, for healthy and unhealthy places, for every age and country and locality; and this law is that the differences of the logarithms of the rates of mortality are in geometrical progression. In the evening session, Prof. Steiner, of Baltimore, tendered an invitation from the American Institute for the Association to meet next in Baltimore, which subject was referred to the Standing Committee.

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In the Geological Section, the first paper read was by Prof. A. Winchell, and entitled "Notes on the Geology of Middle and Southern Alabama." Prof. Dawson followed with a very able paper on "Parallelism of Rock Formations in Nova Scotia with those of other parts of America." Prof. Joseph Henry read a paper on the "Acoustics of Public Buildings;" a subject which he treated with great success at the meetings in Washington and Providence. He reviewed very succinctly the peculiarities of ancient architecture, and held that every vestige of old architecture should be preserved with scrupulous care. He then proceeded to treat of modern edifices. While the principles of sound, he said, have been studied with care for a half century, these principles have but rarely been applied to the construction of rooms intended for public purposes. What is wanted is, a combination of scientific knowledge, the results of careful investigation, the highest practical skill in determining the question of the application of acoustic principles to public buildings. Prof. Bache had some notes on the progress made in the Coast Survey in the "Prediction of Tides," communicated by authority of the Treasury Department. The Professor explained the methods employed in the Coast Survey for the reduction of the tidal observations of the coast, and especially of the tides of Boston harbor, of which there was a long series of observations. The different tidal theories showed the same forms from the correctness derived from the varying positions of the moon and sun. ing positions of the moon and sun.

THIRD DAY.

The Convention remained but a few moments in general session before dividing into sections. In the Geological Department almost the whole time was occupied in the discussion of mooted points, especially concerning animal remains. Notwithstanding the proba-ble fact that few even of the naturalists present were able to appreespecially concerning animal remains. Notwithstanding the probable fact that few even of the naturalists present were able to appreciate all the arguments adduced, or to separate the entirely new from facts already familiar to some present, the crowded Assembly chamber preserved marked attention and listened with interest. The titles of the papers upon which the discussions were based were as follows: Proofs of the Protozoic Age of some of the altered rocks of Eastern Massachusetts, from Fossils recently discovered, by Wm. B. Rogers. On Carboniferous Reptiles, by Jeffries Wyman. In the course of the morning Prof. Rogers commented eloquently upon Prof. Dawson's paper on the parallelism of rock formation in Nova Scotia with those of other parts of America, showing, by many illustrations, that the parallelism is still more remarkable than had been stated. Prof. Wyman's paper was considered as of very great importance. Mr. Agassiz said, that in view of it, he felt that we must reconsider ab ovo all our evidence as to the identification and classification of all animal remains, and cautioned paleontologists in view of the description presented, not to determine that a fossil must be of this or that sort, upon the evidence of a single point of structure. The proofs adduced by Prof. Rogers in his paper excited a sharp and vigorous discussion, in which the author, Mr. Agassiz, Prof. Hunt, Mr. Leslie, Sir Wm. Logan and Prof. Emmons joined.

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Prof. Bache, at the close of the day, read a paper on Approximate Cotidal Lines, being further results of the United States coast survey. He illustrated by diagrams and formulæ. In the Geological section Profs. Emmons and Dana occupied the time. Prof. Emmons treated of the valuable North Carolina fossils, and Prof. Dana on the Plan of Development in the Geological History of North America, in which he pointed out the relations between the law of geological dynamics, and the special geological history of this continent, and arrived at these conclusions, viz.: that the extent and positions of the oceanic depressions have some way determined in a great degree the features of the land; that the same cause which originated one impressed peculiarities on the other; that the two have had a parallel history through past time, the oceanic depressions tending downward, the continents upward; in other words, that they have both been in progress with mutual reaction, from the beginning of the earth's refrigeration. The continents have always been the more elevated land of the crust, and the oceanic basins, always basins on the more depressed land. We thence learn that the profounder features of the earth were marked out in the earliest beginnings of geological history, and that the whole subsequent progress has been a working on this basis.

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FOURTH DAY.

After reading an invitation from the State Agricultural Society to visit its rooms in the new Geological Hall, an animated discussion followed with regard to weights, measures and coinage, in which Dr. Gibbon, Dr. Hare, Prof. Bache and Prof. McCulloch took a part. The first paper in the Natural History section was on the geographical position of the fossil elephant, and other mammalia of North America, by Dr. Foster. Prof. Hall made some remarks on the geology of the apper valley of the Mississippi. J. P. Leslie next read a paper on the Geology of the Broad Top Coal Region in Central Pennsylvania.

The Association having divided into three bodies—the new section being devoted to the consideration of Zoology, Botany and Ethnology—a great deal of business was got through with. In the Ethnological division papers were read by Dr. Weinland on the Names of Animals, with reference to Ethnology, and by Professor Haldeman on "The Relations between Chinese and Indo-European Languages." Prof. Agassiz gave an interesting exposition of his views on the Development of Animal Life in support of his theory of Embryology. He traced the origin of animal life to the egg, showing, by numerous illustrations, that the result of frequent observations proves all animals to have originated from the egg; and that from the lowest to the highest, the egg has the same general appearance. The growth of the egg is analogous to the growth of plants, and the egg is at first but a particle of fat, which subsequently undergoes a series of changes. ZOOLOGICAL.

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In discussing the questions of Natural History and Ethnology, which grew naturally out of the papers of Dr. Weinland and Prof. Haldeman, the ethnological members indulged in generalizations and were not behindhand in facetiæ. Dr. Gibbon, of North Carolina, who is not averse to telling a good story whenever a convenient opportunity occurs, was eloquent upon ornithological peculiarities with especial reference to hens, chickens and ducks. He had bestowed much attention, he said, upon the early steps in life of these interesting animals,—had, according to his own account, been present when the first feeble peep was uttered, and had watched with the utmost anxiety the growth of the chicken instinct. As a consequence, he had picked up many curious facts. One of these facts was that an infant duck, hatched into being under the friendly wing of a motherly hen, seems to labor under difficulty in acquiring a knowledge of hen-language. The cluck of her foster-mother is stranger to the young duckling than the quack of web-foot. So young duck goes waddling about in a state of incertitude, unable for some days to understand what Mother Hen means. Presently, however, a dim perception of the state of affairs appears to steal over the duckling intellect, and a tempting morsel is not refused when offered. It is very like an English child with a French nurse, this duck and hen business, says Dr. Gibbon.

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A further investigation of the forms, magnitude, mass and orbit of the Asteroids, by Prof. Alexander, demonstrated the utility of Richmond's Analogy. A paper by Mr. Elisha Foote and wife was read, to determine the heat of the sun's rays. The lady was complimented by Prof. Henry, in whose behalf he appeared. The net result of the experiments appeared to be, that the sun acted with equal power upon therometer bulbs coated with black, and those exposed without covering. Mr. W. P. Blake, Geologist of Williamson's Pacific Railroad Expedition, offered a paper on Orography of the Western portion of the United States. He said that until quite recently but little was known of the vast territory lying between the Mississippi and the Pacific—nothing, in short, but the glimpses afforded by the explorations of Lewis and Clark, Long, Nicollet, and Fremont. Latterly, eight expeditions have been sent out, to determine the most practical line for a Pacific railway. They crossed the country near different parallels of latitude, and enabled the Department of War to construct five profiles of the country from the Mississippi to the Pacific. Mr. Blake then drew attention to a map, and grouped the mountains into three groups—lst, the Rocky Mountains, extending from the table land of Mexico to and beyond the northern boundary; 2, the Sierra Nevada and its prolongations north and south; and 3, the Great Basin range, and other broken ranges between the first and second groups. He then proceeded to describe these chains. The length of the first, he said, was 1,400 miles, and its general direction N.-N. W. and S. S. E. The second chain is formed of many and nearly parallel ranges, which inclose elevated valleys. The third extends from the Snake River on the north to the parallel 40°. Mr. Blake proposed new names for these three ranges. The first he proposed to call the Anahucian; the second, the Californian chain; the third, the Aztecian chain. One is struck by the parallelism which these chains exhibit with each other and th

FIFTH DAY.

After some discussion an invitation was accepted to hold the next convention at Montreal. In the Physical section papers were read by Professor Rogers, on "Ozone," giving the results of some important investigations. By Professor Gould, description of the new instruments for the Dudley Observatory. By Professor Alexander, on the nebulæ hypothesis, and by Charles A. Schott (through Professor Bache) on magnetic inclination and declination. In the section of Geology Mr. J. D. Whitney read a paper on instances of stratification, and Dr. Newberry, of Cleveland, introduced some observations on the fossil fishes and reptiles of Linton, Ohio. In the Zoological section papers were read on the supposed Runic inscriptions from the coast of Maine, by A. C. Hamlin. Animal development, the embryo, by Professor Agassiz. The value of physical conformation as an element of ethnological science, by Daniel Wilson. Dr. Hamlin exhibited the casts of what he supposed to be a Runic inscription which occurs upon the island of Monnegan off the coast of Maine. The inscription looked to the naked unantiquarian eye like the work of a loafing schoolboy, who only knows some of the angular letters of the alphabet, and reproduces them at his leisure with consummate awkwardness upon his slate, the A's, the M's, and the I's being decidedly the favorites. Dr. Hamlin rehearsed briefly the story of the visit of the Lief, the Fortunate, about the year 1000, with thirty-five companions in search of those lands which Biarne said he had seen of the expedition of Thorwald in After some discussion an invitation was accepted to hold the next hearsed briefly the story of the visit of the Lief, the Fortunate, about the year 1000, with thirty-five companions in search of those lands which Bjarne said he had seen of the expedition of Thorwald in 1004, and of Karlsfue's search for the lost Torhall. He thought these inscriptions were the work of some ignorant and idle sailor Viking. He believed they never could be deciphered, for the characters were of that compound, complex and pointed class which indicate that they were not of the early Runic, and are always exceedingly difficult of interpretation. Dr. Wilson's paper provoked an intensely interesting debate upon the question of a diversity of species in the human family, in which Agassiz and Wilson took the affirmative, and Professor Dawson the negative.

SIXTH DAY.

Henry R. Schoolcraft read a paper on the structure of the Algonquin language. Prof. Coffin read a paper on "So-called Human Petrifactions," by Traill Green. Descriptions of petrifactions of human bodies often occur in the newspapers, which fully describe the conversion of bodies into antipocere and not into stone. Prof. G. was of opinion that all the supposed cases of petrifaction are to be attributed to this cause. It closely resembles stone to an unpracticed observer, but is simply a chemical change in the elements of the body in water. These petrifactions always occur only when the coffin becomes filled with water. The body, converted into adipocere floats on the water, which it would not do if converted into stone. The supposed cases of changes of position in the grave, cere floats on the water, which it would not do if converted into stone. The supposed cases of changes of position in the grave, bursting open the coffin lids, turning over, crossing of limbs, &c., formerly attributed to the coming to life of persons buried, who were not dead, is now ascertained to be due to the same cause. The chemical change into adipocere and the evolution of gases, produce these movements of dead bodies. A specimen portion of a human body converted into adipocere, taken from a grave last year, was then exhibited to the Section. Prof. Horsford added some corroborative facts. Adipocere, he thought, was little else than animal fatty matter. He related a case where the bones of an infant were asid to have been converted into phosphorus, and exhibited some specimens. Prof. Shaffer stated that the body of a lady was interred near Cincinnati in a moist, clayey place. She was taken up subsequently, and great difficulty was found in lifting the coffin out of the grave, from its unusual weight. On opening the coffin it was found that the body was in a state of perfect preservation—was converted into a solid substance, giving a ringing sound when struck. Whether it was bone, or stone, or adipocere, there were various conjectures. But, unfortunately, no scientific man examined it competent to decide what the actual change was, before the body was re-interred. Prof. Agassiz gave the third of his series of papers on "Animal Development." It related to the "One-celled Animals," whose structure he described at length. He was of opinion that the class of animalcules known as Infusoria was not really a distinct class. Some of them are in fact plants, others are mere embryos of animals, and others still are mollusks. Prof. J. Dascomb read a paper on "The Influence of light and water on the direction of the Plumule and Radicle in the generation of Plants." Prof. Agassiz also gave a paper on "Viviparity and Oviparity" in animals. He argued that the distinction of being oviparous and viviparous does not indicate affinity or relationship between classes of animals.

SUB-SECTION OF MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY.

Prof. E. B. Elliott read a paper entitled "Process for deducing accurate average duration of life, present values of life annuities, and other useful tables involving life contingencies from returns of population and deaths, without the intervention of a general interpolation."

SUB-SECTION OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND METEOROLOGY.

Dr. Wolcott Gibbs read a paper entitled "Researches on the American Cobalt Bases."

SECTION OF GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY.

Prof. A. H. Worthen exhibited the remains of fossil fish from the carboniferous limestones and coal measures of Illinois. Prof. J. S. Newberry read a paper on "Generalities of the Geology of Oregon and Northern California." Prof. Hall read a paper on the "Carboniferous limestone of the Mississippi Valley." "Geological Observations on the Philo-volcanic slope of the Mountains of Sonora near the Boundary, made under the direction of Major Emory," by Arthur Schott, followed next.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

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EUROPE.

By the arrival of the Royal screw steamship North American at Quebec, we are put in possession of four days' later European intelligence—up to the 18th of August. From Great Britain we have no political news. The London papers are discussing some mysterious French scandal, for lack of something better. The French army were soon to be distributed. The harvest had terminated in the south of France, and was proceeding in other quarters. It is pronounced magnificent in every part of the country north of the Garonne. Everything appears to be quiet in Spain. Espartero had taken amicable leave of the Queen. O'Donnell had not published the programme of his Ministry. The cholera is said to be raging in Madrid. The Car's coronation has been postponed until the 6th of September, according to one account, and the 7th according to another. The Russians have given notice of their readiness to give up Kars to the Turks, but still maintain their-claim to the Island of Serpents. It is rumored that Napoleon has sent a supplementary note to be inserted in the treaty to settle the point. We have dreafful accounts of the ravages of the cholera in Madeira. In Funchal alone there had been five thousand cases and fifteen hundred deaths, out of a population of 28,000. The commercial advices represent the cotton market as steady at former rates, the advices by the Nisagars having had no effect. The panic in the breadstuffs market had been checked, and the tendency was upward. The money market had undergone no material change.

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We have three days' later news than the above, brought by the steamship Niagara, which left Liverpool on the forenoon of the 16th of August. It is stated that the Persia made her outward trip in cipht days and twenty-lives Aouss's! The political intelligence is not of the slightest interest. Louis Napoleon's file day was celebrated August 15th with unusual splendor. There were rumors in Paris of an insurrectionary movement at Naples, and of an outbreak at Cadiz, but neither were regarded as worthy of serious consideration. Russia has at last given up all claims to Kars and the 1sle of Serpents. Schastopol is to be rebuilt without delay. Marshal Pelissier has been created Duke of the Malakoff, with a pension of 100,000 francs. On the outward passage of the Canadian, from Quebec, Rev. Wm. Marsh, a passenger, drank by mistake a quantity of disinfecting fluid, which caused his death. The body was taken to Liverpool. In financial and commercial affairs there is no material change to notice. The money market continued tight, and American stocks dull. Consols are quoted at 96½ (20 95%. Cotton was inactive, but prices romained without alteration. The crops throughout Great Britain promised an average yield. Breditatuffs maintained the advance reported by the steamer North American. Provisions were dull.

Butting Officers and seamen of the Honor. —The official columns of the Monibus containt he names of nearly 460 officers and soldiers of the English army, and 140 officers and seamen of the Flonor. In the list of hinghts, private soldiers, corporals and sergeants stand side by side with those of majors and lieutenant-colonels; and able seamen figure alongside their commanders and captains as recipients of the Cross."

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The brig Monseratie, from Carthagena, August 1st, arrived at this port August 26. She brings the employés of the New York and New Granada Canal and Steam Navigation Company. The dredging machine of the company, which, together with its appurtenances, cost \$20,000, has been seized upon by creditors to satisfy cleims amounting to about \$6,000. Shehop Revolto, one of the founders of New Granadian independence, died on the 28th of July, at the advanced age of 91.

We have intelligence from Nicaragua to August 9th. The revolutionary movement against Gen. Walker appears to be gaining ground. A large force from Guatemala and San Salvador occupied Leon, and with the return of the dry season some hard fighting may be looked for. It is reported that Walker's troops were deserting rapidly. The San Francisco papers, however, mention that three hundred men were to leave that city on the steamer of August 20th to reinforce the Nicaraguan army. Col. Salizar and several natives had been convicted of treason and shot. The British Consul at Leon, who was implicated in the treasonable designs of Salizar and his colleagues, had been dismissed. Accounts from Costs Rica state that another attempted insurrection had beer-suppressed. It is stated that a new Minister from Walker is on his way to this country as successor to Father Vijl, in the person of a young New Yorker, late a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Granada, and who being obliged by the state of his health to return home, has accepted the files of Ambassador for the mere honor of the thing and the love of the cause, the state of Walker's treasury not allowing him to pay any salary, not even the weekly allowance for washing and grog, which is all that his military officers have ever received.

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We have news from Vera Crux to August 22. The Mexican government were keeping a keen eye upon the Tehuntopec expeditionists, suspecting them of filibustering designs. The country was as quiet as usual, except in the Northern States, where the Indians were committing fearful ravages, and Vidaurri had issued a pronunciamiento, declaring the provines under his control "free and independent of the despotic powers of Mexico." Under the pretence of chastising the savages, Vidaurri has in fact commenced another revolution against the general government, designing, if successful, to effect a dissolution of the Union, with the view of setting up an independent State, or possibly annexation to the United States. The movement was popular at Monterey, but along the frontier the greatest alarm prevailed.

Advices from British Guians, dated at Demarara, July 20th, says the proposition to admit convicts from the neighboring Eritish colonies, to be kept at the penal settlement on the Massarcony, seems to be received with less opposition in the Court than it met with before. A resolution was passed by a majority of eight to siz, with a view to such a step. A poll tax is about to be levied of two dollars on males and one dollar on females above sixteen years, from which \$50,000 are expected to be raised. It is one of the penalities imposed in consequence of the Orr riots, and is declared to be for the purpose of making more adequate provision for the maintenance of order, that is, to enable the government to augment the police.

TER CVIL WAR IN KARASS.—Advices from Lawrence to the 17th of August mention that nearly 500 free State men marched upon what is called Col. Titus's camp, near Lecompton, on the preceding day, and took the party there assembled—twenty in all—prisoners. They defended themselves from the log houses some time, and wounded ten of the free State party, amongst them Captain J. W. Schombree, recently from

Orders have been handed to the commanding officer at Fort Riley to have his troops in readiness for service.

Advises from the border counties state that 2,600 men.were ready to enter Kaness on the 23d of August.

Four hundred of Gen. Lane's men were on the north side of the Kaness River for the purpose of intercepting those who may go to the relief of Lecompton. The Lexington Express of August 23d says that Gen. Smith has gone to Lecompton with a large body of troops. Gen. Richardson, in command of a large body of territorial militis, had gone to the north-western part of the territory, to cut off the retrest of Gen. Lane, should he attempt to escape. Wm. C. Hops, formerly of Kentucky, was shot and scalped, five miles from Leavenworth, on Wednesday last, by some Missourians from Clay County. He was left dead on the road. Companies of Missourians were crossing the river at Leavenworth into the territory on Friday and Saturday last. They were also concentrating at Westport and Kansas city. No demonstration had been made against Lawrence at the latest dates. The following, dated Lawrence, Kansas Territory, Aug. 28d, has been received at Chicago:

"The Quaker Mission, on the road from Westport to this place, was attacked by a band of Georgians yesterday. They plundered the place, taking all the horses they could find. They threatened and insulted the peaceful inmates, and said they would take some women there to their camp. The people of the Mission had to flee.

"Gov. Shannon made a treaty here a few days ago, by which there was an interchange of prisoners, and the gun captured from Lawrence in May last, was given up. This was done through the mediation of the dragooms and Shannon, and peace was supposed to be concluded. We heard that Missourians come here to burn Lawrence there will be a fight?"

WEST INDIES.

Accounts from Guayama, Porto Rico, dated August 8th, state that the cholers had abated considerably at that place, but had unfortunately appeared in some other districts. Pone: was free from the disease. Some convalencents in Guayama had been carried off by the intervention of low typhoid fewer. The conduct of Mr. Lind, Alcalde of Guayama, a son-in-law of Prof. Morse, and well known in the United States, is highly praised for his humane attentions to the sick and dying. Trade was very dull. The growing sugar cames had been much benefitted by heavy rains.

Galignani's Messenger says: An immense crowd was assembled on Tuesday afternoon, on the bridges and quays of the Scine, to witness the movements of a well-dressed man who was walking on the river between the Pont du Carousel and the look at the Mint, apparently with the greatest case. He had each foot in a small triangular box, securely fastened with straps round his legs, and in his hands he carried a long balancing pole, similar to those used by rope denoers, except that at each end was attached a large inflated bladder. When getting off his balance, he dipped the end of the pole, and the resistance caused by the bladder touching the water restored him to his equilibrium.

The Cork Constitution states that a Miss H——, of Clonbrook. Queen's county, was to be married, on a certain day, to a Mr. H. L——. Another lover of the lady endeavored to prevent it by collecting a party of friends, who assisted him in locking the gate approaching to the lady's house. They also placed large stones in front to obstruct the passage of the jaunting-car; and, after completing their task, they lay in ambush awaiting the arrival of Miss H—— and her friends. Having arrived on the time above-mentioned, and finding the approach barred against them, some of the party left the car to remove the obstacles presented to them, when the lady was pounced upon by the party of her former lover, and then a struggle casued—the bridgroom's party endeavoring to retain her, and the other to carry her off. The conflict terminated in victory for W——, the former lover, who succeeded in placing the lady on a car, and in effecting his escape with his prize, neither of whom was heard of up to Wednesday last. The intended bridgroom had his countenance much damaged. The matter has come before the magistrates.

The following (says Le Nord) is a list of the festivities which the Russian court will give at Moscow: A ball in the palace called Granovitais Falata; a gala spectacle; a ball in St. Alexander's Hall in the Kremin; a repast and festival given to the people by the Emperor; masquerade and supper at the palace; fireworks. Add to the above the balls of the Ambassadors, of the great nobles, of the Hotel de Ville, and the reader will have a faint idea of the pleasures awaiting the visitor to the ancient capital of the Cars. Dramatic artists are on the wing, and will contribute in no trifling measure to the general amusement. We read in the Allemagne: "The programme drawn up for the ceremonies of the coronation by Councilor Guedeonoff, has been approved by the Emperor. There will be at Moscow, French, German, and Russian plats, and an Italian opera besides. A French company has obtained leave to build in this city a vast bazaar, for the sale of objects of art and articles of luxury. The goods which do not find a sale may be taken back to France on payment of export duty.

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A fact which will give some idea of the splendor with which Prince
Paul Esterhazy is to appear at Moscow is, says the Cologne Gazette, that each
of the six horses, reserved exclusively for his personal use, is valued at from
8,000 florins, (the florin is worth something over 2f.) The cloth of his favorite
horse is a tiger's skin, the edges of which are ornamented with brilliants, and
on which his family arms are designed in diamonds. This luxury will be
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A GOOD DELYVERANCE.—Madame Augustine R.—, a pretty bloade of from twenty to twenty-five years of age, embarked lately from Calais to Dover. Her invalid appearance excited the interest of the passengers, who felt great anxiety lest sea-sickness should bring on a crisis which evidently could not long be deferred. She crossed the straits, however, safely, and upon landing was placed in an armchair; and salts were held to her nose while an occasional groan went to the heart of all her travelling companions. On the wharf a custom house officer observed the disembarkation, and seemed to feel a warm interest in the pretty French woman. He approached and offered his assistance, informing her that he had some knowledge of medicine, and though the lady assured him that she felt much better, and begged to be carried immediately to an hotel, he protested that it could not be done without danger, and by his philanthropic authority she was taken to an apartment of the custom house and a midwife sent for. As the officer had foreseen, after begging to be released for a quarter of an hour, she was safely delivered of two pelenies, fifteen scarfs, seventeen pieces of lace, twelve pairs of silk stockings, thirty-eight pieces of cotton, six reticules and forty-eight Lyons handkerchiefs.

THE sentence of the Court Martial, suspending Major Marshall H. Howe from his command and pay (proper) for three months, for neglect, to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in Minnesota, has been approve by the Secretary of War.

According to official dispatches from Gen. Smith, the disturbances in Kansas are greatly represented.

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Col. Summer has leave for a brief absence. He has not yet responded to the demand of the Secretary of War for explanations relative to his late military

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The following are the officers ordered to the frigate St. Lawrence, now preparing at the Noriolk navy yard to sail for the coast of Brazil as the fing ship of that station, vis.: Commodore, French Forest, commanding the squadron; Captain, J. B. Hull; Lieutenants, P. N. Murphey, J. H. Parker, J. Dorssy Read, H. C. Bluke, W. P. Buckner; Master, W. H. Cheever; Fleet Surgeon, Samuel Barrington; Passed Assistant Surgeon, George Peck; Ausitant Surgeon, Francis L. Galt; Purser, Samuel Forrest; Chaplain, T. R. Lambert; Passed Midshipmen, A. C. Isard, A. J. McCartney, William A. Krikland, and William H. Dans; Midshipmen, R. R. Wallace, L. L. Phythian, William E. Evans, and George Shryock; Boatswain, William Smiti; Gunner, Ass Curtis; Carpenter, William F. Laighton; Sailmaker, George Thomas. The officers named above have been ordered to report for duty on the 20th of September. Com. Stewart has resumed his post as Commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

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How. James Meachan died at Middlebury, Vermont, on the 22d of August, of congestion of the brain and lange. Mr. Meachan was the representative from the First district of Vermont, in the present Congress. He was one of the most able men in the State, and was chosen a representative in 1848 to the Thirty-first Congress, and has been requisity elected to each succeeding Congress since that time. He had just received the Republican nomination for re-election. Information has been received at the Department of State, at Washington, from the United States Consul at Goahenburg, of the death of Levi Ramsay, in the hospital at that place.

Alexander Carroll, Eq., one of the editors of the Charleston Coerier, died about nine o'clock on the evening of the Ziat of August, after a sickness of four days. The Courier notices his death in feeling terms. Mr. Carroll was born in England, whence he emigrated in 1840, and has since then been connected with the Courier. He was greatly esteemed in Charleston.

CITY MORALLITY.—The number of deaths in the city last week was 567, which is eighty-four less than the number of the week previous. One death from yellow fever is reported—that of a laboring man who had been engaged on a lighter at Quarantine. Among the list of other cases, there is none demanding particular mention. The city was never in a more healthy cendition at this season.

Col. John McArdie, of Albany, is now raising a regiment of vol-atesse for Sea. Walker, with which he proposes to sail easily in Saptember.

SYNOPSIS OF NEWS

The citizens of New York have remitted to the sufferers by the faundations in France the sum of ten thousand dollars, which, with the amount already forwarded by the French residents, is equal to 100,000 france.

Mr. Geo. F. King, a member of the Senior Class of Princeton College, after remaining there a week, returned to his house in Enfeld, Conn., and committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Hon. John C. Breckinridge, the democratic candidate for Vies-President, has announced his intention to take the stump after the lat of representation. His bust is now being modelled by T. B. Jones, the eminent semptor of this city, who went to Louisville for this purpose. He will speak at the Tippecance battle ground on the 3d of September, at Columbus on the 20th, and an effort will be made to get him at the meeting to be held at Cleveland en the 8th of October.

There was a bloody fight in the Twelfth ward, on Sunday night, August 26, between a white man named Gorman and a negro named Williams, in the course of which the former received wounds which will, in all probability, cause his death.

The clipper bark Kate Cleather sailed from Quebec on the 7th of uly, and arrived in Liverpool on the morning of the 30th. She was decimal outeon of the twenty-two days in the river and Gulf of St. Lawrence, thus asking the passage across the Atlantic in the extraordinary short space of ight days.

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The leviathan steamer, now building on the Thames, England, (the Great Eastern,) is expected at Portland, Me., in May next. Air. Betta, east of the directors of the Steamship Company, completed the arrangements last week, for the building of the wharf for her accommodation, which is to be furnished at the expense of the city.

The preparations being made in New Haven for a universal fireman's parade in that city promise to bring about the most imposing thing of the kind that ever took place in this country. Lotters are being received almost every day from engine companies in all parts of the Union, promising to be present. The affait will occupy three days, September 4, 5, and 6.

The room of Colonel Smeltzer, at the City Hotel, Newark, N. J., was entered on Sunday night, August 24, by burglars, who robbed it of his pocket-book and gold watch. His pocket-book contained a few dollars in money and stock certificates to the amount of \$12,700, which, however, are useless to the thieves. A reward of one hundred dollars is offered for the recevery of the property and the conviction of the robber.

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The Vigilance Committee example is spreading. The people of St. Paul, Minnesota, held a public meeting recently, with the view to the adoption of summary measures for the extirpation of the gamblers, out-throats and thieves who infest that city.

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At is smid of one of the shrewdest and wealthlest business men of the city of Washington—a gentleman now upwards of seventy years of age—that he has never set his foot in a railroad car, a steamboat, or a graveyard, and that he has never been so far from Washington as the city of Baltimore! Meastra. Ketchum & Brother, of New York, have manufactured a beautiful thimble to be presented to Mrs. Fremoat. It is made entirely or pure California metal, and cost about fifty dollars. On the sides are sculptured (Jessie, among which the White House is prominent. On a shield is inscribed "Jessie," and around the rim are the words, "Freedom, Free Speech and Fremont."

It is stated that the American State Council of North Carolina are determined to recommend all the lodges of the State to east their votes rmined to recommend al nan instead of Fillmore.

It is said that Governor Wise, of Virginia, intends to declare any one who permits his name to go on a Frem plated treason to the State.

"Father Sawyer," of Maine, as he is affectionately called, although a hundred years and several months old, it appears is not the oldest clergyman in New England. The Manchester (N. H.) American reports that Rev. Laban Ainsworth, Sr., pastor of the Congregational church, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, is now in his one hundred and third year, having been born July 16, 1765. He is the oldest graduate of Dartmouth College, and probably the oldest clergyman in the country.

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Last week, a lunatic, named Pierce Kelly, confined in the Pittsburg, Pa., jail, told his keeper, when about being locked up in his apartment, that he would get out, "either above or below, he didn't much care, but out he'd get, anyhow." The keeper smiled at the remark, and closing the door, left Pierce to his meditations. A short time afterwards the lunatic was found perched on the roof of the house, working away at a spinning, wheel which he had contrived to carry up with him, and with the movements of which he seemed highly delighted. How he got out of his room is not known; but cartain it is that he kept his word to the letter, smaking everything that interposed between him and liberty. He came down from the roof quistly, and has since remained in his room.

The pork warehouse of Messrs. Wilson, Eggleston & Co., in Cinwas burned, August 24th. Loss \$25,000. Fully insured. ores adjoining were also burned, but they were mostly insured.

Right Rev. Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, in his address to the Diocean Convention, takes occasion to allude most touchingly to what he styles the unhappy perversion of his younger son to the Romish sahism. "But he is the child," concludes the venerable Bishop, "of many tears and many prayers; and there is still hope that he may come to himself. That is may be so, I humbly ask your fervent supplication."

A call has been signed by editors and the principal firms of New Orleans, to the number of a hundred, for a meeting to aid Southerners in

Kansas.

The St. Louis Republican of Aug. 24, publishes a call signed by a large number of the most influential citizens of that city, for a public meeting, to consider the present situation of affairs in Kansas, and express the opinion of the people of St. Louis in connection therewith.

Is Fremont a Catholic? The Boston Catholic Pilot; Buffalo Catholic Sentinel, Catholic Herald and Catholic Instructor, Philadelpuis, Catholic Mircro, Baltimore; Catholic Miscellany, Charleston; Catholic Standard; New Orleans; Catholic Telegraph, Cincinnati; Detroit Catholic Vindicator, Freeman's Journal, New York; Iriah News, New York; Iriah American, New York; Leader, St. Louis; Pittaburg Catholic; Truth Teller, New York; St. Louis Evening Leader—all support Buchanan for the Fresidency.

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Up to the 17th of August, only thirty-eight bales of new cotton had been received at New Orleans thus far this season, while at the same date last season the receipts had reached eleven hundred and ninety-three bales.

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A race between the six-oared boats Robert Emmett and Unknown came off on Charles river, Boston, August 21st. The race was witnessed by many thousand spectators, and it was pronounced the most closely contested that ever took place in those waters. The Emmett took the lead from the start and kept it during the entire race, winning by about two boat's lengths. The distance rowed was six miles, and the time made by the winning boat was one hour and three minutes, nothwithstanding the wind, which was blowing a gale.

We have late dates from Texas. The election on the 4th of August, was for Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, District Judges and county officers. Straggling returns from some counties have been ressived, but not sufficient to indicate the result. In Austin county, which last year gave a large Know Nothing majority, the entire democratic telest was chosen by nearly one hun-

The Massachusetts Whig State Committee have approved of the commissions of Amos A. Lawrence for Governor, and humar Foote for Lieutenant Governor, the gentlemen nominated for these offices by the recent Fillmore Convention.

The Lockport Journal says that a man named Dan Smith, while bathing in that place on Sunday, was attacked by a large fish, six feet in length, which bit him on the instep, producing a dangerous wound. A branch of the tibeal artery was nearly evered, and the man was in danger of bleading to death, when a physician was sent for who stopped the flow of blood.

The Granite State Horse Show will take place under the auspices of the Hillsborough County Agricultural Society, in Manchester, N. H., Sept. 36, and Oct. 1 and 2. The Annual Fair of the Society will take place at the same time, and the display of horses will be extremely fine.

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We learn by telegraph from New Orleans that the yellow fever is raging with great violence at Vera Crus, and that the indians in the northern Mexican States have been committing fearful ravages about the country.

On the cars between Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, some officious individual proceeded to take a vote among the passengers. Colonel Benrom was among the party, and when the aforesaid individual, who happened to be unacquainted with Old Bullion, acked him how he intended to vote, he received the following reply: Sirl by what authority, sir, do you ask me for whom I shall vote? Sir, I will answer that question at the ballot-box, not to you."

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Several large pictures of Mr. Rossiter, the well known historical painter, are missing. They were last heard from at Mobile in April last, where they were exhibited by Mr. Charles H. Wilbur. Mr. Rossiter fears that Mr. Wilbur may have died, and that the pictures may have got lost.

Buchanan county, Iowa, gave a majority of nearly three hundred for the Fremont ticket; while Fremont county, on the Missouri border, is reported to have given a majority the other way.

Miss Amelia Bloomer denies being the originator of the celebrated Bloomer costume, and gives the credit (i) to Mrs. Miller, daughter of Gerrit Smith. She ears Mrs. M. had been wearing the breeches come two or three months before herself, and others were induced to adopt the style.

Advices from Leavenworth, up to August 21, state that Lawrence was still unharmed, and a thousand men, completely armed, were ready to defend it at a moment's warning.

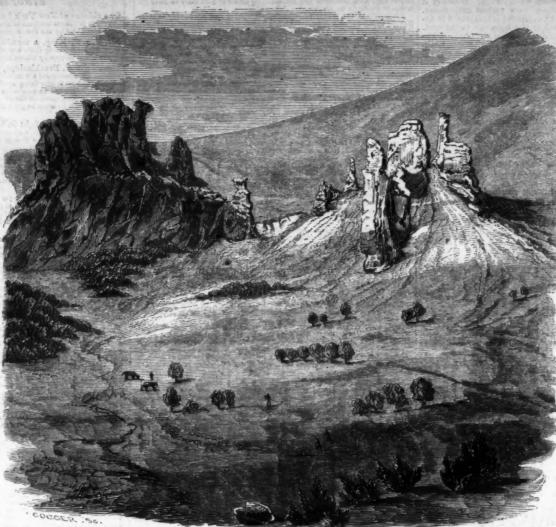
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LAKE VALLEY.

The overtiand route to California and Oregon passes through perhaps the most remarkable and diversified country on this continent. Every possible variety of scenery—plain and mountain, lake and river, hill and valley, prairie and woodland—has to be traversed. The road throughout its whole extent is flanked by innumerable objects of ouriosity. Among these, the many notable rocks, such as Chimmey Rock, Scott's Bluff, Independence Rock, etc., etc., possess an enduring historic and pictorial interest. We may remark of this last, en parenthése, that a geographical error obtains very generally in regard to its location. Even Mr. Upham, the biographer of the Republican candidate for the Presidency, places it at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, when, in fact, many a long and weary day's journey lies between them. It has been made famous in the present political campaign, from the fact that it is the rock on which Colonel Fremont engraved that sacred emblem of the Christian religion, the cross. The approach to the range of mountains lying to the eastward of the Great Salt Lake Valley is guarded by Nature so strongly as to make the Mormons positively impregnable to a military invasion from this direction. It runs through a cañon called Echo Creek, just before reaching Weber river, the most important stream that has to be crossed after leaving the Platte or Nebraska. The course of this creek is so devious that its windings have to be forded fifteen or twenty times. For about fourteen miles this Echo Pass winds between lofty ranges of

that its windings have to be forded iffteen or twenty times. For about fourteen miles this Echo Pass winds between lofty ranges of mountains, from the top and sides of which, huge rocks, which lie about in the greatest profusion, could be toppled down upon the devoted heads of the most mighty hostile force. The mountain goat, or American chamois, is here seen, browsing upon the tufts of vegetation that grow out from the clefts in the rock, peering in strange wonder upon the passing traveller, many hundred feet below. A rifle ball, sped by some ruthless hand, (for the body of the goat cannot be obtained) often admonishes them of their dangerous proximity to civilisation, and, with the wonderful instinct of the brute streation, they now seem to have learned that man is their enemy, and fly at his approach. Their haunts are beyond the reach of the primitive weapons of the sturdy aboriginals. The road is so very narrow that two wagons cannot go abreast, and so crooked, that the driver of a four-horse team cannot see the horses of a vehicle immediately before him. Skirting the margin of the stream is a sort of chapparel-bush, which is so thick as to be almost impervious to sight even for a distance of only a few feet, and many is the emigrant who has here fallen a victim to the deadly arrow of the lurking savage. So strongly is this pass fortified by Nature that a few hundred resolute Mormons could successfully oppose the passage of the largest force the United States could send against them. Leonidas, with his Spartan band, could have here resisted the immense army of Xerxes with greater success than at Thermopylæ. Emerging from Echo Creek into the open country, many remarkable rocks are passed, none of which are more singular than those which our artist has so graphically pencilled. They are called "Witches' Bluffs," from their more than fancied resemblance to the imaginary figures of Hecate and her of Endor. They are more



WITCHES' ROCKS, NEAR THE ROAD TO GREAT SALT LAKE VALLEY.

like gigantic and somewhat rude pieces of statuary in the form of women than anything else. Our artist naively (or maliciously) writes: "Out of compliment to their resemblance to the ladies, I have made a sketch of them."

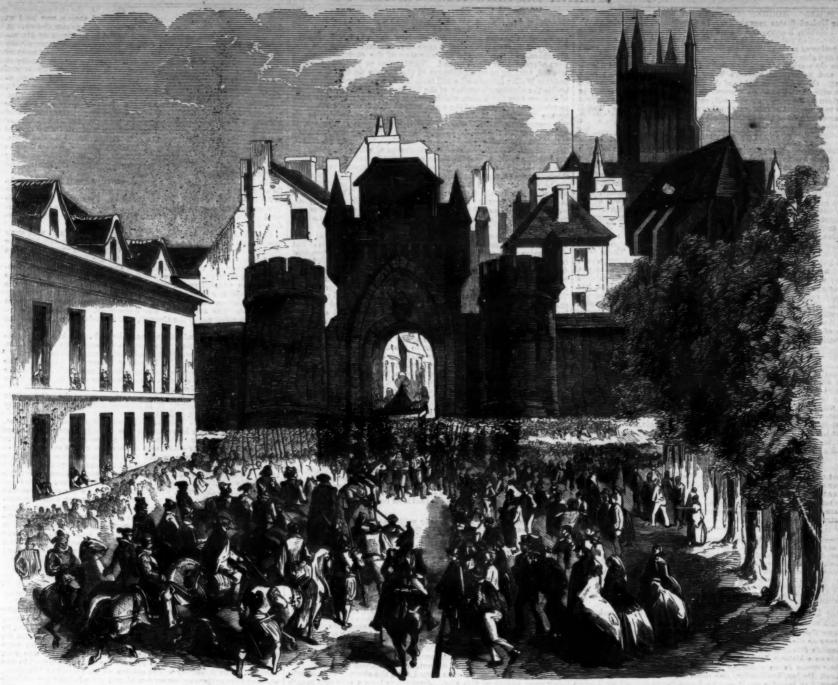
LASSOING WILD HORSES IN MEXICO AND SOUTH AMERICA.

THE empire of the horse is to be found upon the savannas of Mexic The empire of the horse is to be found upon the savannas of Mexico and the pampas of South America. In many districts of country they are to be found in droves of thousands, living in orderly communities, and thriving under the genial influences of a temperate climate, and a never-failing vegetation. Horses in their wild state are under the subjection of leaders, and are subject to discipline. The veteran stallion, who may be denominated the chief of the herd, always keeps his place in the van, the next in strength follows close at his heels, while in the rear feed in comparative safety the brood mares and their colts. If mything occurs to create serious alarm the chief gives a signal, a loud trumpet neigh, which instantly commands attention, brings the troop into organization, and ready for

flight. In the arrangement the young and weak horses are always placed in the centre and cannot be reached until the stronger members are driven away or disabled. Among wild horses the most fearful contests occur among the stalions for leadership. These battles are more terrific, if possible, than those between rival lions. Sometimes whole day is consumed in the contest, and it seldom ceases until one or both are disabled and sometimes killed. It is a singular fact, that the wild horses of America are rot as vicious as those of Asia. Those of our continent are really wild in name only, for the most vicious can be made to work in a few hours, while the Asiatic representation cannot, even in a life of servinude, less altogether its in a few hours, while the Asiatic representation cannot, even in a life of servitude, lose altogether its habits acquired in its native fastnesses. The Mexicans and South Americans are the best herdsmen in the world, and train the animal with a degree of success known to no other people. It is quite common in those countries for even the children to ride a wild horse the first time he is mounted, and an accident as a consequence to human life or limb seldom occurs. The common method of catching the wild horse is with the lariat or noose, a hair rope of some sixty The common method of catching the wild horse is with the lariat or noose, a hair rope of some sixty to eighty feet in length, with a slip noose at the end, which is thrown with such precision that the chased animal is caught with certainty by either hoof or round the head, as may be desired. In some parts of South America is used the ball lasso, which is in many respects superior to the old method. A long rope is used, with two heavy leaden or iron balls in each end, which the horse-catcher carries in his right hand; having singled out his victim he approaches near enough for his purpose, whirls his singular weapon a few times round his head, and then launches it at the hind legs of the horse. Such is the momentum obtained, and the precision with which it is thrown, that it strikes the animal's legs as they rise in the air, and instantly whirls round them with lightning rapidity, throwing the animal helpless to the ground, where he is left until others are thus crippled, and the rider has time and inclination to secure his easily earned prizes.

ENGLISH CHURCH LAW.—A novel case has been decided in England in favor of a clergyman of the Established Church, which has excited some comment in the public journals. In the Court of Arches, a clergyman pleaded guilty of gross acts of intoxication and the use of profane and indecent language. It even appeared that on one occasion he took with him to church, when about to officiate therein, a bottle of spirits, of which he drank a considerable portion, so as to render him unfit to decently perform the service. Yet, not withstanding he had already been suspended for a similar offence, and reinstated in his curacy, the Court (Sir J. Dodson) refused to deprive him of his office. His Honor said: "I should be very unwilling to pronounce a sentence of deprivation upon grounds which have never been considered sufficient for that purpose. I think I shall adequately punish Mr. Pughe by suspending him for a longer period than any clergyman has ever been suspended before for an offence of this kind, namely, for five years, ab officio et beneficio, at the expiration of which time he must produce a certificate from three beneficed clergymen in the neighborhood as to his conduct during that period."





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MEAUX is a large town in France, twenty-five miles from Paris, on the river Marne, and passed through by the Strasbourg railway. Meaux was taken by the Normans in 862, and by the Haglish in 1421. It is regarded as the cradle of the Reformation in France, Its historical associations are very rich, and its citizens seem to be deeply imbued with the spirit of reviving occasionally early customs. Very recently they celebrated what they were pleased to call a Historical Cavalcade, which is very spiritedly given in our engraving. No event could have been finer for such a display than the entry of Henry IV. into the city in 1594. Early in the day the procession passed through the gate of St. Nicholas, which, according to old documents still preserved, was rebuilt in the time of Henry IV. At noon two trains—one that of the Sheriff starting from the Hotel de Ville, and the other that of the King, Henry IV., making its appearance from the faubourg—met at the gate of St. Nicholas, and the impressive ceremony of presenting the keys of the city followed; this being done, the parties together perambulated the city. The casort was composed of three squadrons of mounted riflemen, their helmets and breastplates shining in the sun, deviating a little from historical truth, yet enhancing the brilliancy of the tout ensemble, without destroying its uniformity.

The forward squadron was followed by drummers and trumpeters, men-at-arms, and the banner-bearer of the city on horseback, halberdiers headed by their chief, militia captains and sheriffs, all dressed in the mode of the time. Those dresses furnished by the best Paris costumers made a splendid appearance from their exact and neat style. The names of those divers dignitaries preserved by chroniclers, still exist for the most part, honorably worn in the city. After these were to be seen on horseback M. De Vitry, the city governor, and his lieutenant, richly and magnificently habited, the president and other functionaries, pages in a g graceful white and blue-colored costume, the king's banner-bearer, the king in his historical armor, and the lords companions of the king. Then came bombardiers in red doublets covered with breastplates, drawing two small field-pieces; musicians or orpheonists, dressed as at that popular period, with green fastened to their grey hats; and archers, also in appropriate costume, carried bows and quivers filled with arrows, which were, later in the day, to be put in use. What attracted universal attention were, two allegorical chariots. The chariot of the Keys contained three charming young girls, dressed in white, a l'unique, and mural crowns girded their heads; they personified the three cities of Meaux, Claye, and Lizy. The chariot of Agriculture was conducted by a beautiful petite Ceres, behind which a tout gentil Bacchus was astride his mythological barrel, timid allusion to ill-favored gifts of the hillocks of Brie; but in retaliation towered, on the most elevated part of the chariot, the queen of our well husbanded regions—the nourishing plough, proudly held by a young farmer, wearing his rural dress of the sixteenth century with becoming grace and dignity. In truth, when the sight would change from the varied and picturesque costumes to the monotonous smock-frocks of the throng, the lugubrious dark coats, the grotesque hats resembling stove-pipes, and the false crinoline of modern days, it was, without offence, the nineteenth century which seemed disguised instead.

The promenade stopped at Lafayette place, where, from an elevated throne, the king appeared to preside, for a moment, over games offered by the city.

Archery, especially, was more than interesting. The archers had been chosen from among the best marksmen of different companies of the adjacent country, where, since their institution under Charles VII., the exercise of the bow has been perpetuated. The true and vigorous shooting of the young peasantry perfectly realized the idea that the bow must have long subsisted alongside of the ill-perfectioned arquebuse, and for further proof as well, that it is still in use among the brave Circassian cavalry and many Asiatic nations.

An unexpected beautiful day favored this holyday, in which a con-

siderable portion of the people seemed to take a most lively interest, and which presented to them a new and gay recreation, combined with good taste.

WILLIAM M. FLEMING.

William M. Fairfield county yees a born in the town of Norwalk, Fairfield county yee a printing office, and early learned the detinent in the two he had be tweether and in the will read and he stanced the decide. It is certain, however, that he early acquired and has always preserved habits of close and earnest study. His fancy also led him very early towards the drama, and in company with a number of youthful friends he trod the mimic stage in private, and laid there the foundation of his public excellence. He made his first public appearance as an amateur at the old Park theatre. The occasion was a benefit given to Miss Charlotte Cushman in 1840. The trial scene in the "Merchant of Venice" was selected for his debut, he playing "Shylock." That the performance was one of more than ordinary promise will readily be gathered from the fact that Mr. Manager Simpson solicited him to repeat it. Mr. Fleming of course complied; and both performances won from the best critics of the time warm ennomiums. The praise bestowed upon his "Shylock." decided his choice of a profession. When he appeared first he had no idea of adopting the stage; but his success induced him to consider the probabilities of future fame and fortune in that department of art, and the result was that he decided to tread the path at least a step or two farther, and see whither it would lead him. Armed therefore with letters of introduction and commendation from Major Nonk, Gem. Morris, and Mr. Isaac C. Pray, to Messrs. Burton, Murdock and Wood, he went to Philadelphia. There, through the influence



WILLIAM M. FLERING.--AMBROTYPED BY BRADY

of the United States repeatedly. In Charleston, New Orleans, St. Louis, Mobile, Boston, and New York, he is a general favorite with the play-going public, and has won from the judicious few especially rare praise as a careful Shakespearian student, and a reader of great force and elegance. In all the cities referred to he has gradually but surely worked his way as a stock actor, and acquired the friendship and respect of all who know him. Without taking rank amongst those dassling lights of the stage, whom nature has seemed to fix with partial hand as "stare" in the theatrical firmament, he has risen by an unconquerable will, constant study, and an excellent taste to a position second only to those favorites of fortune; and if it cannot be said of him as Campbell says of Kemble,

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he certainly throws a peculiar charm into his personations of such characters as "Tom Coke," or "Sergeant Austerlitz," and often rises to a force and dignity in the higher walks of the drama which show that "his soul is resigned entire" to the passion he portrays. Off the stage his uprightness, and excellent moral character, combined with a pleasing address and much refinement of manner, have given him a high social position, and he enjoys the esteem of the public as well as a large circle of private friends and admirers.

About three years since he yielded to the seductive allurements of the managerial baton, and became the lessee of the National Theatre, Boston. The result was a pecuniary loss, which not only swallowed up the assets of a first brilliant season, but some five or six thousand dollars of hardly earned private funds. These facts have induced Mr. Fleming's friends in the city of New York, where he is a deserved favorite, to offer him a benefit at the Academy of Music on the 4th of September next. From the distinguished gentlemen engaged in the affair, and the artistic talent which has already volunteered, it promises to be an event in the dramatic world. We understand that Mr. Fleming has in his possession and will shortly produce a play, called "Palomba, or the Carbonari," written for him by an eminent literary and political gentleman of this city, and which is said by the critics to be one of the dramatic wonders. Let us have it.

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HISTORY OF THE WEEK.

WASHINGTON and Kansas are two points towards which the eyes not only of this nation but of the civilized world are now turned with eager and anxious interest. Congress is at a "dead lock" in the one place and civil war with all its attendant horrors exists in the Every flash of the telegraphic lightning brings over the wires intelligence that fills the breast of every true lover of his country with the most gloomy forebodings, and every gale that sweeps from the West is expected to bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms. Already is the virgin soil of that fair territory drenched with fraternal blood, and those States bordering upon the scene of strife are "dissevered, discordant, belligerent." That civil war actually exists in Kansas can no longer be disputed. It is not a mere border feud among hostile squatters, land speculators, abolitionists, and border ruffians, but it is a civil war-a war not for the enforcement of the popular sovereignty doctrine of the Kansas-Nebraska bill against a horde of lawless marauders, but a war for the establishment of slavery in Kansas, or its expulsion from Kansas by force of arms. The truth is that the Free-State men are now determined They say they have borne wrong and outrage long enough, and, for their own security, they have taken the initiative and have ommenced operations against the Pro-Slavery party. The latter had established some ten or twelve blockhouses or forts for the conquest of the Territory. Their plans were matured, and, as they thought, success was certain. But the Free-State men were not inactive. Their plans were also matured. On the 12th of August, and carried the blockhouse at Fra then they have taken nearly all the fortified places upon which the Pro-Slavery party relied to effect the conquest of Kansas and the destruction of their opponents. This is about the pith of all the exciting news from Kansas.

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In accordance with the proclamation of the President, both houses of Congress convened Thursday, August 21st. Thirty-eight Senators and one hundred and seventy-nine members of the House were in attendance. After the usual preliminary business a message received from the President was read. It briefly recapitulates the result—the breaking up of our military establishment—which would, in his opinion, follow from the failure of Congress to grant the appropriations for the army. The Senate held a short executive session, concurred with the House in a resolution allowing bills to be signed that had from want of time failed to be perfected, and then adjourned. The House, without unnecessary delay, went into Committee of the Whole, and reported the Army bill as it stood at the breaking up of the regular session, Kansas proviso included, and it subsequently passed the House by a vote of ninety-three against eighty-five. Thus the question stood as before. The aspect of affairs remains unchanged since then. The Senate have again and again amended the Army bill by striking out the Kansas proviso, and the House as often determined to adhere thereto. The excitement at the capital is intense. Telegraphic messages have been sent off in all directions, recalling the absentees, and the arrival of every train brings accessions to the strength of both parties. So far, however, the Republicans firmly hold their ground. There is much speculation as to what will be done if the Senate do not recede, and

it is stated that if Congress adjourn without granting the array appropriations, the President will immediately call them together again. Both houses adjourned at an early hour August 25, after the delivery of appropriate culogies upon the character of the late Mr. Meacham, of Vermont, and the adoption of the customary resolutions of respect for the deceased. Nothing has as yet been brought forward, tending to an adjustment of the dispute on the Army bill. Senator Weller introduced a bill intended as a compromise. It embodies the eighteenth section of the bill providing for the admission of Kanas into the Union, which repeals the last act, and the laws restricting the freedom of the press and the liberty of speech, passed by the Territorial Legislature. There is, however, no chance for this proposition in the House, even if it should pass the Senate, of which there is a reasonable doubt. Both parties are firm, and the legislation is, consequently, at a "deadlock." Jefferson Davis, Seoretary of War, has ordered the discharge of all the workmen in the public armories, because there are no funds out of which they can be paid. The Constitution declares that all supplies to carry on the government must originate with the House, which has voted all the money required by the Army bill, but coupled the appropriation with what the Senate deems an obnoxious proviso. The proviso is in the following words: "Provided, housever, and it is hereby declared, That no part of the military force of the United States, for the support of which appropriations are made by this act, shall be employed in aid of the enforcement of any enactment of the body claiming to be the Territorial Legislature of Kanasa, until such enactment shall have been affirmed and approved by Congress; but this proviso shall not be so construct as to prevent the President from employing there as adequate military force; but it shall be his duty to employ such force to prevent the invasion of said Territory by armed bands of non-residents, or any other body of

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"If any person shall aid or assist in enticing, decoying, or persuading, or carrying away, or sending out of this Territory, any slave belonging to another with intent to procure or effect the freedom of such slave, or with intent to deprive the owner thereof of the services of such slave, he shall be adjudged guilty of grand larceny, and on couviction thereof shall suffer death, or be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than ten years."

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"If any person print, write, introduce into, publish or circulate, or cause to be brought into, printed, written, published, or circulated, or shall knowingly aid or assist in bringing into, printing, publishing, or circulating, within this Territory, any book, paper, pamphlet, magazine, handbill, or circular, containing statements, arguments, opinion, sentiment, dortine, advice, or inuendo, calculated to produce a disorderly, dangerous, or rebellious disaffection among the slaves of the Territory, or to induce such slaves to escape from the service of their masters, or to resist their authority, he shall be guilty of felony, and be punished by imprisonment and hard labor for a term not less than five years."

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We give these facts without comment, as our readers must all be familiar with the merits and demerits of the Kansas question.

A more agreeable matter to record than the above is the remarkably good health of this city. August has been a very cool month and the air some nights this week has been sharp and biting, and seemed full of frost. The sage of Brooklyn Heights informs us that it has been the coolest August known in sixty-eight consecutive years, with the exception of 1816-17. But, happily, the crops are all beyond the reach of cold weather, and the only sufferers by the low temperature of the season will be the watering places, whose hotels will soon be deprived of their gay throngs, if the cold should continue. Crowds of Summer tourists are already flocking back to the City, and Saratoga and Newport, the White Mountains and Cape May, will soon be deserted. Closed windows, fires and great coats are fatal to Summer retreats. The loss of one, however, is the gain of another; and the cool weather of the present month could not have fallen upon us at a more acceptable time. It effectually puts an extinguisher upon all the apprehensions of the spread of the yellow fever, and the few sporadic cases of that disease which occurred across the river will not enable our friends to get up an excitement as to its existence in New York. While the thermometer marks so low a temperature as 50 deg. there is no reason to apprehend any danger from the yellow fever. Other parts of the country are not so favored and we have private advices from Charleston, that a large increase of cases of yellow fever has taken place in that city. The New York dailies have published a detailed account of the origin and progress of the yellow fever at Fort Hamilton and Yellow Hook. The first death occurred on the 26th of July, since which time fifty-eight persons have died in that

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Politics are as active as ever. Last week the Democrats had a mass meeting at Tammany Hall, which was largely attended. There was a numerous gathering outside, and the scene was made very lively by fireworks, Drummond lights, music, cannon and torches. Among the speakers were Judge Parker, Judge Vanderbilt, Col. James Buchanan, of Maryland, Capt. Rynders, Col. Swackhamer, and other lesser lights. The "Empire Club" had a standard of its own in the Park, at which addresses were made by Dr. Bard, of Louisiana, and Wm. J. Rose, of this city. The Fourth Ward Club organized a meeting on the steps of the City Hall, Dr. O'Donnell presiding, which was addressed by Judge Morton, D. B. Taylor, Col. Ming and others. Harry Howard presided at a meeting of the Sixth Ward Club, at the Brick Church, at which D. L. Seymour and others. Spoke. The "Union Club" was addressed from the Hall of Records by S. W. Cone, and by Messers. Carr, Pinney, Glover and others. Several others spoke at other points, and all about eleven o'clock retired to their respective quarters.

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The Germans had a mass meeting at the Tabernacle the same night—Thursday, August 21. This meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in this city. From 4,000 to 5,000 persons were present, mostly of the intelligent and respectable class, and crowded the building to its utmost capacity. In front of the organ was an excellent portrait of Col. Fremont, around which the American flag was tastefully wreathed, surmounted by the legends in German: "Free Men, Free Speech, Free Soil, Free Press;" within the German flag at the bottom, the whole set in a thick frame of green oak leaves. Banners and flags of the various clubs were also displayed in different parts of the room, enlivening by their brilliant colors the dense assemblage of men. After some excellent music from the band the meeting was organized by the appointment of Mr. Julius Froebel as Chairman, with the usual number of Vice-Presidents and Secretaries. Addresses were made by Mr. Froebel, Mr. Charles A. Dana, of the Tribine, Mr. Douai, of Texas, and others. Appropriate resolutions were passed. Every mention of Col. Fremont's name "brought down the house." After the meeting adjourned a procession of over a mile in length was formed, and the assembly proceeded to Col. Fremont's residence, in Ninth street, but he was not at home. The crowd ware addressed by Philip Dorsheimer, of Buffalo.

A German Frement meeting, six theusand strong, was held at Chicago, August 26. The warmest enthusiasm was manifested. A regular Kentucky barbocue was held by the Frementers of Massachusetts, at Needham, August 26. The proceedings were very enthusiastic and harmonious. An ox was roasted whole, bands of music were in attendance, and not less than twenty-five thousand people were present. Speeches were made from four stands in different points of the grove. At ten o'clock the meeting was organized. Speeches were made by Hon. D. R. Hitchcock, Hon. A. C. Brewster, Hon. E. C. Baker, Hon. T. D. Elliot, Hon. Simon Brown, Hon. Chas. A. Phelps, and others. A letter from Charles Sumner was read, expressing his regret at having to forego the pleasure of uniting in such festivities at present. At the dinner upwards of three thousand people participated, and the festivities were carried through with great satisfaction to all. Songs were sung and sentiments were given. Large delegations were present from all parts of the State, with music, banners, devices, etc., etc. The meeting broke up at dark with cheers for the Republican candidates, and amidst the most intense enthusiasm.

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The Old-Line Whigs of Boston have published a card, with their names attached, certifying that they intend to vote for Mr. Fillmore in preference to either of the other candidates, but they have not a word to say in relation to the candidate for the Vice Presidency.

At a meeting of the American State Council of Kentucky's resolution was adopted, doing away with the secrecy and utensils of the order. An address and resolutions were adopted, expressing the fullest confidence in the State going for Fillmore.

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The Washington Sentinel has made its exit. It has largely involved its late proprietor, who was, as is usual with Washington politicians, promised everything and finally turned off penniless.

A meeting was held at the Broadway Tabernacle August 26, the attraction of the occasion being a speech of Andrew H. Reeder, late Governor of Kansas Territory. The house was crowded, and a large sum of money raised for Kansas.

Elsewhere in our paper will be found accounts of the late freshets caused by the heavy rains. It is believed that the loss of property will exceed one million of dollars.

An event of historic interest occurred at Hartford, Connecticut, August 21. Another landmark in our colonial history has passed away. The venerable "Charter Oak" of Hartford is no more. It fell with a tremendous crash, and but six feet of the stump now remains. This famous tree was far past its prime when the charter was concealed in it on the 9th of May, 1689, and was probably an old tree when Columbus discovered the New World. It stood upon the old Wyllis eatate, now owned by Hon. J. W. Stuart. Crowds of citizens visited the ruins, and each one bore away a portion of the venerable tree. The people of Connecticut are not generally suspected of being given to sentiment, but they have evinced a degree of tender-heartedness in regard to the destruction of their leafy monarch, worthy of the most romantic community of Germany. The Hartford papers were put in mourning, the bells of the city were tolled at sundown, and a dirge was performed at noon by Colt's band over the prostrate tree. This touch of nature in our Connecticut neighbors is most creditable to their refinement, and it will astonish many who probably think that the Charter Oak would be immediately munifactured into clocks and nutmegs. But we presume that its precious wood will be religiously preserved and made up into snufboxes, canes, f

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The incident which has rendered this tree famous we will briefly relate, although it is doubtless familiar to our readers. New Haven was for several years a separate colony, and when Charles II., in 1665, granted a charter to Connecticut, she refused her adhesion for a time, but at length submitted, and the Connecticut colonies were consolidated into one government. Sir Edmund Andros was sent over by James II., in 1686, to resume the charter granted to the colonies. The Assembly was in session on his arrival at Hartford, and while the subject was under consideration the lights were suddenly extinguished, and the charter secretly conveyed away and concealed in the cavity of an old oak. Since that day this tree has been called the "Charter Oak." After the deposition of Andros, the charter was resumed, and continued in force till 1818, when the present constitution of Connecticut was adopted.

We have news from San Francisco to August 5th. It is very interesting. The Vigilance Committee continued in full vigor. Two executions had taken place, and additional arrests had been made. Judge Terry was still a prisoner. Mr. Hopkins whom he stabbed, had recovered. Several attempts had been made to fire San Francisco and Sacramento, but happily they were frustated. Riots between Americans and foreigners had occurred in various localities. The markets, which had been active for the fortnight previous, closed dull at the time of the steamer's departure. The State Treasurer has been directed to provide for the payment of the interest on the public debt, which, by the default of Palmer, Cook & Co., is now overdue in this city, thus saving the State from the stain of repudiation. The crops everywhere promised an abundant yield, and mining operations were fluvrishing. The Illinois, which left Aspinwall, August 20th, with \$1,500,000 in treasure, a full compliment of passengers, and the semi-monthly mail, has arrived at this port.

THE DEAD OF THE NORTHERN INDIANA .- The Dunkirk Journal

THE DEAD OF THE NORTHERN INDIANA.—The Dunkirk Journal describes the appearance of three bodies which have come ashore on the beach in that neighborhood. One was that of a man, the others were 6 males. That of the man had upon it \$340 in bills, and is doubtless that of Mr. Sewell Turner. One of the females is probably a Miss A. E. Jenkins; the other had no means of identifying the name. Further information may be had by addressing Mr. W. L. Carpenter, Coroner, Dunkirk, Chautauque county, N. Y.

Yellow Fever at Fort Hamilton.—The progress of the yellow fever at Fort Hamilton has been made public. Particulars, including names of seventeen of the latest cases, are given in the account. It seems the disease, which has heretofore been confined to the wealthy, has broken out among the poor with such virulence that doctors and nurses have left the place, and the sick are compelled to shift for themselves. Enormous prices are tendered for nurses to attend those who are ill. \$100 a day has been offered. A few devoted persons have heretofore done the work and braved the danger.

Great Firemen's Parades.—It seems that the great Firer en's National Parade which comes off in New Haven on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September, will not be attended by any of our New York companies. It was hoped that the "Exempts" would be enabled to attend, but at the last meeting of the members it was decided that the company should not go, the principal reason being that the parade of the New York Fire Department, which takes place on the 13th of October, will cause the tax on the companies to be so heavy as to render it inconvenient for them to participate with the New Englanders. Further reason is, that the New Yorkers are not satisfied that they would have a fair show in the trial of skill to which the New Haven people invite them. Our engines and pipes are not built for throwing a high stream on an extra occasion, but for steady and continuous work, when there is need for it. There are great preparations going on for the parade of the New Yo

FINE ARTS.

DELARCCHE's painting of "Marie Antoinette coming from Judgment," has been returned to Paris by Goupil & Co. It was brought out under bonds of \$20,000, and the exhibitors were obliged to effect an insurance upon it for \$10,000. It is the property of a German count, who values it at 200,000 francs. It was returned to him by the Persia. The proposition to exhibit it for a short period in Boston was relinquished, it was said, in consequence of troubles at the Custom House.

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The artist, Bingham, goes out to Paris immediately to superintend the finshing of the engraving from his great picture of "Stump Speaking." An unnished copy of the engraving, large size, is at Goupil's. The orator, laying
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defect.

Artists are busy at Niagara painting new views of the Falls and Rapids, to be engraved in Germany for a sumptuous work on the "Scenery in America," now preparing for publication. Some of the artists engaged in the work here have headquarters in Brooklyn, and the series of views is accumulating rapidly. The London Society of Arts had recently one hundred candidates for the office of assistant-secretary. A committee of investigation reduced the list of eligibles to aixteen, and, out of this number, but five were reported as fully qualified. The council elected Mr. Charles Critchet.

An Italian refuges has come into the possession of a picture, said to be an original sketch of a "Holy Family," painted by Raphael, for Francis I. ef France. The picture has just been discovered in Florence.

MUSIC.

ITALIAN OPERA-HOUSE, FOURTEENTH STREET.—On Monday evening sext, September 1st, Max Maretzek commences a brief season of twelve nights at the above establishment. He has drawn around him nearly all the favorite artists of last season, and that they are efficient and sufficient such names as La Grange, Brignoll, Amodio, &c., are evidence sufficient. We are thankful for whatever comes along in a munical way; if we cannot have much we are grateful for a little. While we do not approve of these Homocopathic doses of opera, we swallow our discontent and put on a thankful expression that the directors vencheaft to us even the smallest chance of listening to operatic music. We cannot hope to have things produced as well as they could be produced under a stable and settled management, but we have confidence that Max Maretzek will do all that can be achieved by hard work on a short notice.

On Monday evening the popular opera of "Il Trovatore" will be produced, with La Grange, Briggoll, and Amodio sustaining the principal characters. The city is so full of strangers that we expect to witness a crowded and brilliant audience. On Wednesday evening "Lucia di Lammermoor" is to be produced to afford an occasion for the debst of a now tenor, Signor Tiberini, of whom reports speak in terms of the highest praise. He will appear as "Edgardo" to the "Lucia" of La Grange.

Apropos of the new tenor, quite a romance is in circulation about him, for the trath of which we do not vouch but give it as we heard it. Young Tiberini is said to be a Roman of pure noble birth and blood, and closely and intimately connected with a princely family, who trace their ancestry up to the days of the deepot Tiberius, whose name is included in the list of those of the family who were the imperial purple, or swayed the destinies of the mighty empire from the popular and elective tribune. Although no cowns are at their diswho were the imperial purple, or swayed the destinies of the mighty empire from the popular and elective tribune. Although no crowns are at their disposal now, the pride of a long line of rulers still clings to the heads of the T. family. Tiberini, the tenor, possessed of a beautiful voice, great musical enthusiasm, and fine personal appearance, and chafing under the disqualifications and restrictions which condemn to the church or the army all the cadets of noble families in the Old World, determined to carve out for himsel a fame and fortune and add another honor to a name that history has recorded in her storied pages. To carry out the determination, and after secret but cardent study, he appeared under an assumed name in a distant city. His secret was, however, discovered, and the alternative was presented to him either to retire for ever from the profession of a singer, or be disowned and abandoned by all who bear his name. His choice was made at once; he would bllow the art to which his aspirations led him, even at the sacrifice of name and prospective fortune. The bitterest trial that fell to his lot was the compulsory separation from his affianced one, who of birth equal to his own, and returning his love with equal ardor, was forced by her friends to retire to a convent to avoid collision with a mere singer. Every difficulty was thrown in returning his love with equal ardor, was forced by her friends to retire to a convent to avoid collision with a mere singer. Every difficulty was thrown in the way of his success in Italy; every obstacle that could be raised through the agency of wealth or family connection rose up against him, and despairing alike of his art and his love, he fied his country hoping to find in another land a fair chance for the display of such talent as he might possess, and to meet in the approbation and sympathy of strangers a balm for that grief which words may indicate but cannot express." Such is the life-romance of young Tiberini as it was told to us. It may wear the air of fiction, but all of us who have mingled in the great world know, by bitter experience, that "truth is stranger than fiction."

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MAURICE STRAKOSCH.—This musical Humboldt is preparing for a grand foray MADRICE STRAKESCH.—Into musical runnount is present of a grand toxic through the United States. He has secured the services of Mine. Tereas Parodi. Paul Julien, the violinist, Signor Tiberini, Mine. Patti Strakosch, and Strakosch himself, with a popular baritone, make up a concert and opera company the strongest that ever made an extended tour through the States. The following paragraph, which we quote from the Sunday Courier, we fully and earnestly Any movement made in the right way to secure a remunerative o the bereaved widow of William Mitchell, actor and manager, will, we , be responded to warmly and effectively by influential people both in nd in private life : "We received a call on Saturday evening from Mr. Baker, the former manager of the old Olympic, to whose piquant and versatile pen New Yorkers are indebted for many of the most brilliant and amusing dramatic bagatelle. The visit was more than a friendly call; it was dictated by the humane desire of attracting attention to the pitiable condition of Mrs. Mitchell, the widow of the late Manager Mitchell, of the Olympic, who is now absolutely in daily suffering for the necessaries of life. We had already, as our readers are aware, put forth the claims of Mrs. Mitchell upon the public on the pocasion of her so-called benefit at the Summer Garden, and we were confident that these claims would not be ignored. How that affair was managed it is not sew necessary to inquire; it is sufficient that this poor woman derived no ment from it, that the kind exertions of her friends went for nothing, and seent from it, that the kind exertions of her friends went for nothing, and at, covered with affiliction, in a darker robe than even that of her widowhood, the is now exposed to the pangs of absolute want. To rescue her from this pitable condition is now the self-imposed task of Mr. Baker, and to do so he is aurious of again attempting the experiment of a benefit at some theatre, the serms and capacity of which will give promise of conferring some service upon the widow. Niblo's Garden is spoken of, and several of our most prominent citizens will use their names to further the charitable movement; and it is to he heard that the profession of which peor Mitchell was a prominent a ween. be hoped that the profession, of which poor Mitchell was so prominent a mem-ber, will now come forward and do whatever is in their power, to make the affair successful in its object." May success await upon the noble exertions of Mr. Baker in behalf of the bereaved and suffering Widow Mitchell.

THE DRAMA.

SUMMER GARDEN.-WALLACK'S THEATRE-The production of a new piece from the prolific pen of Dion Bourcicault, was the principal feature of the past week; although the benefit of Agnes Robertson, on Tuesday evening, made no little excitement, crowding the house to suffocation and sending away disappointed hundreds from the doors, still the new piece was the special point of the week. We borrow the following summary of the plot from a con-temporary: Hortense, (Miss Robertson.) whose father was ignoble, but whose mother was a lady of rank, assumes, without authority, and against the wishes of her maternal relatives, the title of her mother, of which she is deprived by the king, and is sentenced to undergo a public humiliation by having the coat of arms erased from her carriage, and the banners torn from the walls of her palace in the presence of her exulting enemies. At this moment her steward accidentally discovers that an under gamekeeper on her estate is the heir to the title of Duke, and Hortense instantly marries him for the purpose of attaints the model of Duke, and Hortense instantly marries him for the purpose of attaints the model of Duke, and Hortense instantly marries him for the purpose of attaints. ing the rank of Duchess, and enjoying a momentary triumph over her hostile family. This amiable object achieved, she instantly leaves her boorish husband, who enters the army. The French Revolution opportunely occurs, and in the consequent proscription of aristocrats, the title for which Hortense has sacrificed so much causes her to be suspected, and she is driven for safety to adopt a peacant's disguise. In this garb she meets her husband, who has educated himself meanwhile, and is now elevated to the rank of Colonel. Events prove that a strong affection exists between the two in spite of their former disparity, and they are eventually reconciled and married. The plot is interesting, and it is well worked and carried out. Its leading incident is no novelty in invention, but the "motive" gives new coloring and interest to a backneyed subject. If the language does not possess as much point and brilliancy as we usually find in the works of M. Bourcicault, it is sufficient ently forcible and sparkling to keep the interest from flagging throughout the ma. We do not think that M. Bourcicault has taken a true measure of the sacties either of himself or of his wife, Miss Agnes Robertson. Although characters are ably drawn, they are not suited to the specialities of either the one artist or the other. It is true they fill up the outline in the true spirit of the draughtsman, but there is some lack in the conception and the detail which rob the personations of truthfulness and spontaniety. Agnes Robertson and Dion Bourcicault, of course, act well, but we do not recognise their personant productions of the personant production of the see Dion Bourcicault, of course, act well, but we do not recognize their person-sitions of the characters in question as creations pure and perfect, as is the case with many of their characters we could mention. Still the drama was a de-cided success, and the artists were tumultuously called for at the close of the drama. It has been played every night since its production to houses literally examined from floor to ceiling.

Nielo's Gardin .—The round of favorite characters chosen by Mr. Burton for the delectation of the audience at Niblo's has proved a happy selection, as

erushing audiences which nightly throng to witness them can testify. Audiences more brilliant were never seen within the walls of this popular and prosperous establishie ent. This engagement will prove highly remunerative both to the actor Burton and te the manager Niblo. It will be continued, we presume, the actor Burton and te the manager Niblo. It will be continued, we presume, until the time draws near for the opening of the new Burton's theatre, late Laura Keene's Vericties. Madle. Robert, the inimitable danseuse, Ravels, the wonderful pantumists, and Young Hengler, the miraculous tight-rope dancer, appear on the alternate nights and draw audiences quite as numerous

WERY THEAT S.—The new mons p.... The new local piece which we noticed last week continues the Bowery theatre. "Life in New York," an acted satire,

made its mark upon the first representation, and each successive performance confirms it in the favor of the public. The great element of attraction in New York, let the locality be what it may, is fan. People wish to be amused, and wherever they can get a hearty laugh there will they congregate. John Brougham knews this, and the comic element has hitherto been a decided feature of his management. Let him retain it, and he will have no occasion to complain of the public. That piece of irresistible drollery, "Po-ca-hon-tas," is played with "Life in New York," both, by-the-bye, written by John Brougham. If there is not enough laugh in these two extravaganas we cannot recommend any one to a place of amusement where he will find mofe.

NEGRO MINETRALEY.—There has been a festival in Niggerdom—there has been a rushing and gathering of people, and a crowding into large Halls where music in its blackest state flourishes like a green bay tree. The two rival darkey establishments opened their doors to the eager public on the evening of Monday, August 25th. The Buckleys in their beautiful new hall, and George Christy and Wood in their no less beautiful, albeit, less new establishment. To say that they have had full houses every night since their opening, is nothing; it does not half convey the idea of the squeezing and the crowding and the overflowing of these two halls. Those who came a little time after the hour of opening, had either to go away or to stand where they could barely see or hear. As soon as this rushing tide of nongalarity subsides into its results and opening, had either to go away or to stand where they could barely see or hear. As soon as this rushing tide of popularity subsides into its regular and natural channel, we will speak of the performers, their hall, and their perfor-

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Boston, Mass.—The Boston theatre will open about the 8th of September. The stock company will be exceedingly strong and Mr. James Bennett will retain his position as leading actor. He is a great favorite with the audience here. Max Maretsek, we learn, is endeavoring to make arrengements to give Italian opers at the Boston theatre, during the month of October. A seene not announced in the bills took place recently at the Boston Museum. Mr. Keach (Frederick Bramble) received a bouquet, which he profiered to Mr. W. H. Smith, (Sir Robert Bramble). The latter, not losing sight of the spirit of the part, declined it with "No, no, my boy—Blowers for the young—port and cigars for the old." The apt remark told hugely. Miss M. Henry, a danseuse from New York, is engaged at the Howard Athensum. Miss Mary Hill, from St. Louis, is Mr. Willard's leading juvenile lady. Mrs. J. M. Field has been highly successful at the Boston Museum in her personation of Mrs. Haller. Miss Lizzie Emmons assumes Miss Adelaide Biddle's position at the Boston theatre next season. Mrs. John Wood, of this city, and Mrs. Hudson Kirby are to play for Mr. Fleming's benefit. Much enxiety prevails in New York to see the former lady. Miss Emms Stanley will appear here on the lat of September. She is having the Music Hall fitted up for her.—Almany.—The Green estreet theatre will open on the 1st of September under the management of Henderson & Lossee. They are endeavoring to make an engagement for a few night with Miss Keene and George Jordon. Miss Annette Ince will commence an engagement there on the 15th of September under the management of Henderson & Lossee. They are endeavoring to make an engagement for a few night with Miss Keene and George Jordon. Miss Annette Ince will commence an engagement there on the 15th of September under the management of Henderson & Lossee. They are endeavoring to make an engagement for a few night with Miss Keene and George Jordon. Miss Annette Ince will commence an engagement there have the mo in " Masks and Faces."—Sr. LOUIS.—The pit of De Bar's theatre has been en larged so as to hold one thousand persons.—INDIANTOLIS.—The Blake Family are doing finely—Wm. O. Blake, F. A. Tannyhill, James F. Lytton and others

ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

It is a subject of congratulation to all playrights that the Dramatic Copyright bill passed both houses of Congress on the last day of the session. It has become a law. It is supplementary to the copyright law of 1831. The following is a copy of the bill:

THE DRAMATIC COPYRIGHT LAW.

ntal to an Act, entitled, "An Act to amend the several Acts respecting Copyright," approved Feb. 3, 1831.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that any copyright hereafter granted under the laws of the United States to the author or proprietor of any dramatic composition, designed or suited for public representation, shall be deemed and taken to confer upon the said author or proprietor, his heirsor assigns, along with the sole right to print and publish the said composition, the sole right also to act, perform or represent the same, or cause it to be acted, performed or represented on any stage or public place during the whole period for which the copyright is obtained; and any manager, actor, or other person acting, performing or representing the esid composition without or against the consent of the said author or proprietor, his heirs or assigns, shall be liable for damages to be sued for and recovered by action on the case, or other equivalent remody, with costs of suit, in any court of the United States, such damages in all cases to be rated and assessed at such sem not less than one hundred dollars for the first, and fifty dollars for every subsequent performance, as to the court having cognizance thereof shall appear to be just. Provided, nevertheless, that nothing herein enacted shall impair any right to act, perform or represent a dramatic composition as aforesaid, which right may have been acquired, or shall in future be acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived to the acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived to the acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived in the acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived to the acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived to the acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived to the acquired by any manager, actor or other person recrived to the acquired by any manager. less, that nothing herein enacted shall impair any right to act, perform or represent a dramatic composition as aforesaid, which right may have been acquired, or shall in future be acquired by any manager, actor or other person, previous to the securing of the copyright for the said composition, or to restrict in any way the right of such author to process in equity in any court of the United States for the better and further enforcement of his rights.

Approved Aug. 18, 1856.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Aug. 21, 1866. A true copy carefully collated with the original roll. W. HUNTER, Chief Clerk.

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—The Boston Transcript learns that Mrs. Barrow was severely bruined by the railway accident between Concord and Manchester. Everything in the car is which her party was seated was shattered to pieces, seats all torn up, fron bent, and still no lives were lost; the engine broke in the ront part of the car and distributed its steam through the same compelling a speedy exeunt by the windows. Mr. A. Richardson, of the Boston Theatre, Mrs. Barrow's agent, who is severely hurt, jumped out of the window first, and Mr. Barrow lowered Mrs. Barrow to him. Every article of dress she had on was completely ruined.

—The friends of Mr. W. R. Fleming are making arrangements to give him a complimentary benefit. It will be given at the Academy of Music sometime during the month of September. The committee holds its sessions at the Mercer House, corner of Broome and Mercer streets. Judging from the energy with which the affair is carried on, it will certainly prove both a compliment and a success.—We hear that Mr. Harry Watkins, the young American actor, has returned in the Baltic from a trip to Paris and London. He is said to be a capitial eccentric comedian (something like Walcot) and would make a valuable addition to some of our first-class companies.—Among the passengers by the next steamer from California, is the young tragedian, Edwin Booth, who comes to us fresh from his triumphs in El Dorado, and bringing the most flattering expressions of approbation from the critics of the Pacific stages. It is said that, in reality, the mantle of his father has descended upon him, and that he gives promise of achieving the very highest position in dramatic art. Mr. B. A. Baker, his agent, is now in town, completing his engagements for a tour of the Atlantic cities.—Mr. Thompson, a low comedian of much merit, (once attached to Brougham's Lyceum.) has just arrived in this, city.—Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Conway are "starring" it in the West.—John E. Owena, the gep

incr the country man, the post Longstillow, to Balls, due composers the season of the control of its measurement being 124 feet by sixty, and sixty feet in height. There will also be two minor halls, together with a spacious restaurant, the whole of which will be available for public meetings or festivals. The capital, including a margin of 25,000, is fixed at 240,000 in 210 shares, and the annual outgoings for rents and management are estimated at 25,252. Lord Granville and Mr. H. Bingham Baring are the trustees, and the provisional management is vested in experienced persons—namely, Messrs. Benedict, Beale, Chappell, Ella, Leader, G. Smith, and Addison.—Those who seek what is strange in art and wonderful in speculation may be glad of the title of a book just published at Frankfort, by Dr. Trummer—"Music of the Past and of the Present, of this World and the Next." Pointing Benedick's famous sollicoup with a note of interrogation, the comment naturally suggesting itself is, "This can be no trick?" A jest it must be: and if a sign that present Germany is waking up to a sense of the folly which has been talked concerning German music for the future the satire is a welcome one.—Two new English Cantatas, by the celebrated English composers, J. L. Hatton, and 'May Day," by Mr. G. A. Macfarren.

SHORTEST PASSAGE ON RECORD.—The Cunard steamship Persia that left New York, August 6, arrived at the bar of the Mersey river, Liverpool, on the evening of August 18, having occupied in the passage eight days, twenty-three hours, and thirty minutes, which the Liverpool Mercusy calls the shortest passage on record. The greatest number of miles run in one day was 348, and on five other days she made respectively 308, 338, 331, 344 and 342 miles.

MELANCHOLY CASUALITY—SIX PERSONS DROWNED.—On Wednesday, August 27, the following persons, all belonging to the city of New York, were drowned at Bellport, Long Island, by the upsetting of a bast in which they were salling, vis: Mrs. Dr. Kempf, Mrs. J. E. B. Funk, as d James Funk, wife and son of Captain Stansberry Funk, Linds Harriott, daughter of Carman Harriott, Eddle Northrup, wife of John Northrup, and a servest girl in the employ of Mr. Harriett.



CHARLES DUDLEY, ESQ.

THE CITY OF ALBANY,

CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK—GREEN-BUSH AND EAST ALBANY IN THE FOREGROUND.

FROM AN ORIGINAL VIEW TAKEN EXPRESSLY FOR THIS FAPER.

ALBANY, the capital of New York, and second in importance in the State, is situated on the west bank of the Hudson river, one hundred and forty-five miles above New York city, and about three hundred and seventy north-east from Washington. The city was founded in 1614, growing up around what the Dutch called Fort Orange. It received its charter as a city as early as 1686. As viewed from some parts of the Hudson the city is highly picturesque and imposing. A low alluvial flat, from fifteen to one hundred yards wide, extends along the margin of the river, but west of this rises some two hundred and twenty feet in the distance of a mile. Albany contains many public buildings, among which are the Capitol, the University, the Dudley Observatory, the Medical College, the State Normal School, the Albany Academy, and we may add the Catholic Cathedral, which, when finished, will be one of the most splendid, as well as largest churches in the United States. There are forty churches, many very handsome specimens of architecture. Among the benevolent institutions is the Orphan Asylum for the county poor. This building is a fine structure, one mile west of the City Hall. The Catholics have a fine orphan asylum called St. Vincent's, incorporated in 1849. There is also an Emigrants' Friend Society, and also an institution, liberally supported, the object of which is to obtain fair prices for the labor of seamstresses. The Albany Institute contains a library of five thousand volumes. The Young Men's Association has a lib-FROM AN ORIGINAL VIEW TAKEN EXPRESSLY FOR THIS PAPER fair prices for the labor of seamstresses. The Al-bany Institute contains a library of five thousand volumes. The Young Men's Association has a lib-rary of eight thousand volumes. The State Library, which is open to the public, contains twenty-seven thousand volumes. The State Agricultural Society

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Albany is advantageously situated for commerce, being at the head of sloop navigation on the Hudson, and communicating by means of its canals with Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and Lake Champlain. It is also the centre of a number of very important railroads, connecting it with Buffalo, New York, and Boston, and other less important places. One of the largest articles of commerce is lumber. The clear pine of Michigan and Canada, the oak, cherry, and poplar of Ohio, the common pine of Pennsylvania and New York, meet here and create one of the largest lumber markets of the world. Wheat, barley, manufactured tobacco, and flour are great staples, which, in enormous quantities, pass through Albany on their way to New York. The city supports ten newspapers, ten banks, has an assessed value of real estate of near twenty millions, and personal property of five millions. At the last sitting of the Legislature, the Hudson River Railroad Company succeeded in pass-

ing a bill allowing a bridge to be built across the river, which, when finished, it is supposed will add greatly to the property of the city, and facilitate transport of goods and the conveyance of passengers. Our magnificent picture was taken from the east side of the river, which brings East Albany and Greenbush in the foreground, and gives a perfect idea of the city and environs, and is the first, we believe, ever given to the public on so large a scale, and with such attention to detail. To one acquainted with the locality, the principal build.

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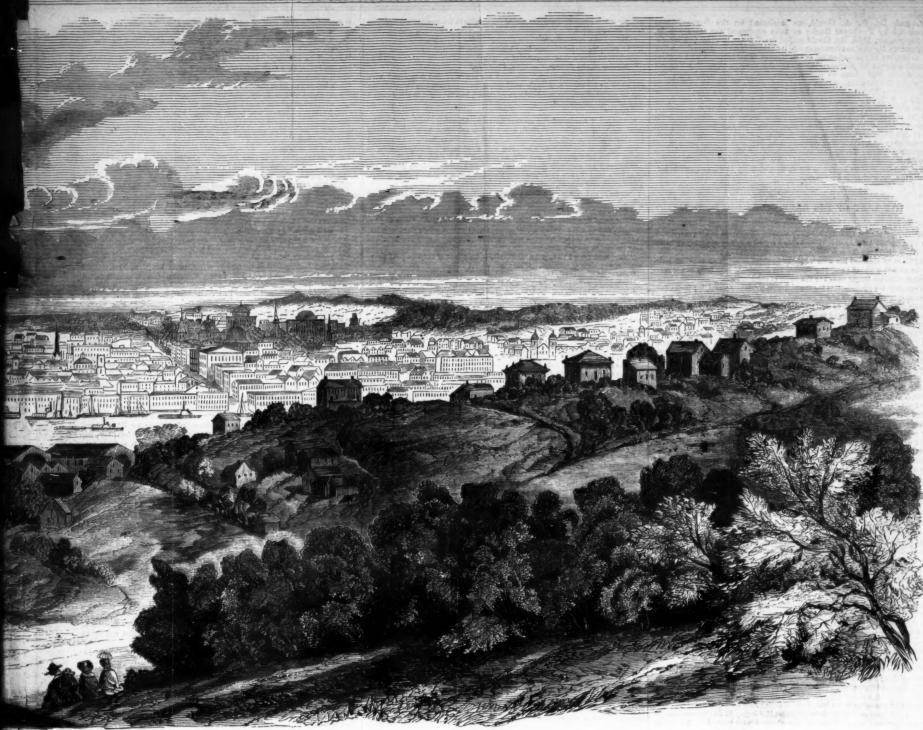
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vey, and Dr. B. A. Gould, an assistant on the Survey, was appointed by Professor Bache to take charge of the Observatory. In September, 1855, Dr. Gould sailed for Europe to give the necessary orders for the construction of the instruments required. After an extensive examination of the principal observatories and optical establishments of Europe, the order for constructing the Transit instrument was given to the Messrs. Repsold of Hamburg; the order for the meridian circle, presented by T. W. Olcott of Albany, was given to Messrs. Poster and Martins, of Berlin; the meridian circle is 3 feet in diameter, the tube is 8 feet long, with an object glass of 8 inches English, or 7½ French, in diameter; it will measure tenths of seconds; and an astronomical clock was obtained from Kessels of Copenhagen. The construction of the heliometer, the most delicate instrument of all, has, after mature deliberations, been intrusted to one of our own countrymen, Mr. Charles A. Spencer, of Canastola, New York, the microscopes of this gentleman being considered the best in the world. To the citisens of Albany too much credit cannot be given for their liberality towards their local, scientific, and artistic interests.

THE LAST OF HIS RACE .- Commenced in No. 7. CHAPTER LIX .- continued.

gh Roderick Hastings carefully avoided all allusion to his quarrel with Although Roderick Hastings carefully avoided all allumon to his quarret with his wife, be had not-forgotten it, and only awaited a fitting opportunity to release himself from a fetter which had long been hateful to him.

At times he regarded her with a lock of insolent triumph or scowling hate, for he no longer feared her. Her threats are impotent. The body of her murdered brother no longer rested in the vault of the Herberts.

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Meanwhile the preparations for the ball were proceeding rapidly; invitations were sent to every family of distinction in the country, and, to the master of Crowshall's great delight as well as surprise, in most instances accepted; the rumors which had circulated to his disadvantage either having died away or

"Everything goes on as I could wish," he observed, in a tone of triumph to his friend, Mark Raymond. "Prejudices and family enmitties are gradually disappearing. Foes are becoming friends; friends more earnest in my cause. Lutterel will be returned."

"And you." said the beauter of the country of the coun

"And you," said the baronet, "rewarded with the long-coveted title. Well, by Jupiter, you will have earned it, for never did a fellow labor more earnestly to obtains a handle to his name. Mrs. Montreasor says that she thinks it sounds prettier as it is; and she is a woman of taste."

"Doubtless," thought his hearer, with secret satisfaction. The Sanday which preceded the ball, Roderick Hastings and the greater part of his guests attended Crowshall church. The hypocrite even carried his acting so far as to request his wife to accompany him. To his surprise she compiled without a moment's hesitation. The last time she had taken her seat in the old oaken gallery reserved from time immemorial for the Herberts, her brother Harry was by her side. Sad and painful thoughts came over her. For the first time for years she ventured to pray, and felt relieved by the effort. Sorrow and disappointment had softened her own obdurate heart. She thought of her brothers, as she remembered them in the happy hours of her girlhood and innocence; then of their fate, and the share she had taken in its accomplianment. Where are they now? nd innocence; then of their fate, and the share she had taken in its accom-lishment. Where are they now? The repentant woman scarcely dared turn her eyes towards that part of the

church where a heavy escutcheon marked the entrance to the buria

At the conclusion of the sermon her husband, offering his arm to Mrs. Mon-tressor, led her from the church. No one seemed to care for Mabel, or think it worth their while to remember that she was present. The neglected wife left to return to her home alo

As she crossed the churchyard, old Alan approached and bared his gray he before her. He had watched her from his seat amongst the tenants, and read, fancied that he read, what was passing in her heart. He felt touched at the change, and trusted that it proceeded from a true repentance.

ange, and trusted that it proceeded four I have done your errand," he said.

"Thanks, Alan," she exclaimed; "you have performed the last service

shall ever require at your hands. Has my cousin sent no reply?"

"It was my fault, lady," replied the messenger; "I told him that it was un vertain whether I should find an opportunity of seeing you or not; but he said that he would come."

that he would come."

Whilst the speakers were thus engaged in conversation, Nan Willis came abbling along the pathway of the churchyard. She appeared surprised at seeing Alan and the mistress of Crowshall together, but passed on without a

word.
On the very evening of the ball, Lawyer Colley rode over to the manor-house, and insisted upon seeing his client Roderick Hastings. It was in vain that the errants informed him their master was engaged with company. The agent would take no denial. "Were he on his death-bed," he said, "I would see would take no cental. Were no on his desta-lead, he maid, "I would him; nine is business that cannot be postponed."

When Roderick entered the library, which he did in no very enviable hur

he found his legal adviser pacing to and fro the apartment and tapping his on anything had occurred which he could not clearly

emprehend.

"Now, Mr. Colley," he said, "what is the meaning of this ill-timed visit, to a moment when I am expecting the arrival of half the county?"

"Extravagance, nonsense," replied the old man; "put them off,"

"This to me! Do you forget that you address the owner of Crowshall?"

"I am not sure that I do address him," answered the lawyer; "notice has

been served upon the tenants to pay no more rent."

"In whose name?" demanded the thunder-stricken Roderick.

"The Honorable Edgar Sutton's."
"Pooh!' replied his client. "I have no fear of him. I can hear no mo

upon the subject now."
"But I have," muttered the agent, as he withdrew; "both of him and fo

CHAPTER LX

Revenge maintains her empire in the breast, Though every other feeling freeze to rest; The sooner may the crew-deserted bark, When tempests wildly rage and nights are dark, Admit a pilot, than the excited brain when tossed upon her angry main.—H. TREVANIOR.

Leve to his meditations, Roderick Hastings paced the floor of the library fo several minutes in silence. He had long been prepared to see his title to the estate of Crowshall disputed; but not by the Honorable Edgar Sutton, a man of cool, determined courage, as heartless and calculating as himself, but with this difference, that in the eyes of the world he was strictly honorable, his

social position being too elevated to permit him prudently to act otherwise "I gue with hand," muttered the possessor of Crowshall, with supprefury, etween his clenched teeth, "from which the blow has come—it worsan's vengeance. Mabel has prompted this attempt to thwart me. Fool is fool it is the shock of the vace of clay against the vace of iron; experience might have taught her prudence. She knows that I am not one to be braved or thwarted with impunity. But for Nan's foolish pity I had been rid of her ere this. Why should I not rid myself of them both? They have served my turn, and how I loathe and despise them."

It was a horrible suggestion, when it is remembered that the beings he spoke of were his wife and mother; but, fearful as it was, it was one not likely to lis barren in the fertile brain of Roderick Hastings.

"The election over, and the baronetcy secured," he thought, "I shall have no to attend to them."

With all his calculation, on one point he was wrong. Experience had taught Mabel prudence. She was perfectly aware of her danger, and prepared to meet it. There was neither hesitation, fear, nor lingering affection in her outraged heart; like that of her destroyer, it was iron.

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During the day Roderick was once more visited by Lawyer Elisgood, who
und his agency too profitable not to feel deeply interested in the validity of
is employer's title to the estates. This time he had brought one of the notices
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Roderick deliberately read it over several times.

"Well! well!" exclaimed his visitor impatiently, and at the same time tapping his forehead; "have you nothing to observe?—nothing to suggest?—nothing to say? You are as cool, Mr. Hastings, as though Crowshall had descended to you in one unbroken line from the time of the Conquest."

"And why should I not be cool?" demanded the gentleman, with a quiet smile. "If interests run counter, passion will not mend them. I have been a cool man all my life, and found my advantage in it. It is too late to alter. "Besides," he centinued, "what have I to feel uneasy about? By her father's

will my wife became absolute mistress of the estates in the event of her brothers dying without heirs. $^{\prime\prime}$

"Ahem I yes, certainly."

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"In marrying Mabel Herbert they become mine."

The lawyez gave a short dissatisfied cough.

"Nothing can be clearer," added the speaker.

"Perhaps not, Mr. Hastings," observed his visitor; "but a prudent man can never be too certain. A doubt has lately rises in my own mind whether my late respected client, the father of Mrs. Hastings, had the right to make such a

"How?" continued the speaker, lowering his voice, "a deed of settlement, made by Sir Gilbert Herbert, is not still in existence, by which deed the possession of Crowshall is not strictly entailed on heire male. His widow, the same who drove her husband's mistrees and child from the manor-house to perish in the snow-storm, it was said, suppressed it."

"And is it possible that you believe this?" exclaimed Roderick greatly excited; "a man of your experience and knowledge of the world! No; if such a document ever existed, Lady Herbert destroyed it."

"There is but one person living," said the lawyer, "who can settle that point."

"And who is that ?"

"The grand-daughter Mabel, your wife," replied his visitor. "She was her favorite, and to my certain knowledge frequently passed whole days with her in the muniment room where the original title-deeds and family papers of the long line of the Herberts are kept."

'Muniment room!'' repeated his employer, in a tone of surpcise; "I never ard of any such apartment. Where is it?" heard of any such apartme

'You jest! or have lost your senses.

"Permit me to observe, Mr. Roderick Hastings," said his agent, in a sarcastic tone, "that neither of your suppositions are very complimentary. I never jest on business matters; and as for having lost my senses, when our mutual transactions are wound up, it will be seen which has had the most art of the two—I have kept on the safe side of the hedge."

"Not if your surmise is a correct one. You forget the heavy sums you have

" No. I don't."

"No, I don't."

"The mortgages you hold!"

"The mortgages I did hold," interrupted the lawyer, with a quiet smile.

"The fact is, I have transferrred them to a second party long since. My late partner in the bank has taken them off my hands; I am only your agent."

For several moments the speakers regarded each other in silence. The master of Crowahall felt more alarmed at the wily old usurer having transferred the mortgages than at all else he had heard.

"Come, Elsgood," he said, "we must not quarrel. You can understand my surprise—the excitement—the agitation."

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"Are you still my friend?"
"I am always the friend of my client."

"Can I trust you?"

"In overything that is safe—legally safe," replied the old man. "Of course you are too prudent, too much a man of the world, too honorable, to propose anything doubtful to one of my years, respectability and character; for if there is a thing I am tenscious of in this world it is my reputation. Reputation, as my venerated parent used to observe, is -

"I Pshaw!" interrupted Roderick; "we know each other on that point. All I require of you is to speak plainly—to tell me all you know—all you suspect; to point out the quarter from which danger threatens, and leave me to find a

" And be laughed at for my pains?" said Mr. Ellsgood

Do you promise to keep your temper ?"

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"Most sacredly."

"Well, then," replied the lawyer, who appeared rather amused than embarrassed at the request, "I don't care if for once I do speak plainly; but, mind, it must not be drawn into a precedent. Rederick Hastings, with all your cunsing, daring, and dexterity, you are little better than a fool. You contrived to win—by what means it is not for me to inquire—a beautiful, wealthy, proud, and high-born wife. Instead of concealing your infidelities, as any husband possessed of common prudence would have done, you especially proclaimed them; and secure, as you imagined, of her fortune, treated her like a clown; neglected and insulted her where women are most sensitive, her affections. Are you weak enough to imagine you can pursue such a course with impunity? A true woman, when once her energies are directed to revenge, exceeds a lawyer in cunning, a priest in perseverance, and both are good haters. Sir Gilbert Herbert's deed settling the estates still exists. I have ascertained that much, and I suspect it is in the hands of your wife."

"Curse her!" muttered the infuriated ruffian.

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"It took a long time to wear out her affection," observed the old man. "But you have proved its depth, you can the better measure her hatred.'
"Curse her!" repeated his employer.

"Pools ! pool !" interrupted the lawyer, "children curse, men act. You beasted but now that if I pointed out the danger, you would find the remedy.

I have done so: find it."

"You believe the deed is still in her possession?" said Roderick
His informant nodded in the affirmative.

"And where is the muniment room you spoke of?"

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"That," replied the old man, in a tone of vexation, "I never yet could learn, My late client, who in all else reposed unbounded confidence in me, invariably refused to tell me. The entrance to it is a secret to all but the members of the family, who are sworn, I have heard, never to disclose it. A curious old place, he added, "is Crowshall manor-house; doubtless it was some contrivance of the monks." "I must see Mabel," exclaimed Roderick

"Better watch her," suggested his visitor.

"Perhaps you are right," answered the former, musingly; "but tell m one thing. Were you influenced in transferring the mortgages upon my estates to a second party solely by your knowledge of this infernal settlement?"
"Well, no! not entirely," said the old man, evasively. "Walter Herbert borrowed three thousand pounds of me, and I never could make out what be

lid with it."

"And did you never suspect?"

"Hem!" coughed Mr. Ellsgood, and at the same time looking at his watch

"I told you that my plain speaking must not be drawn into a precedent. Keel

an ave upon your wife. Pass a single trick in the game you are playing for, and

With this warning the speaker quitted the room, leaving Roderick a prey to

"I will keep an eye upon Mabel," he muttered; "her shadow shall not be but I shall balk her yet.

And with this conclusion he retired to dress for dinner.

The ball in the evening was attended by most of the county families. Many of them came out of compliment to Sir Colin Leonard, in whose political opinose political opir ns, or rather those of the Minister, they shared; others from curiosity, or difference to the discreditable rumors which had been circulated on the basty, considerate marriage of the heiress of Crowshall so soon after the death of her brother; whilst many accepted the invitation from that reckless love of pleasure which renders the excitement of society necessary to their existence; pleasure which renders the excitement of society necessary to their exist-beings who find home the dullest spot on earth, and for this simple rea-they lac's themselves the resources which adorn and render it happy.

But the crowning triumph of all, in Roderick's eyes, was the pr Lord and Lady Mountjoy, one of the oldest names in the peerage. His lordship was distantly connected with Mabel by her mother's side; but, notwithstand-ing this relationship, had, since the death of Sir Harry, abstained from all intercourse with her and her husband.

nwhile Mabel had taken the arm of her noble relative, and was walking with him through the rooms.

Few of the visitors who had not previously been acquainted with her pected that the quiet, pale woman walking with Lord Mountjoy was the re-mistress of Crowshall. Most of them mistook Mrs. Colonel Montressor for the hostess; and the error was a very natural one, for the lady made her appea-ance in the ball-room leaning on the aum of Roderick, her rich cheek flushed with the consciousness of beauty.

There was a buss of admiration wherever she appeared. Mabel did not dance. Her rival o pened the ball with her husband. It wanted nearly an hour of midnight when Bender, the valet, slid quietly into the room and whispered a few words in his mastur's ear. Roderick changed color slightly; but, quickly recovering himself, nodded to him to withdraw.

"Adela," he whitspered, addressing the fair siren who had enslaved him;

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The lady looked surprised.

"It is but to pass from the ball-room to the library. In the great hall you will encounter a man in livery, who will, doubtless, ask if you are Mrs. Hastings: answer boldly 'Yes,' and bring me any letter or token he may give you."

"Willingly," exclaimed the guilty woman. "Is it possible that the cold, satirical Mabel has proved false to you?"

Roderick nodded; then reminded her in an undertone that there was not a minute to be lost.

The next he was alo

"So," he thought; "the plot thickens. She has chosen her time to communicate with my enemy well. Lord and Lady Mountjoy, too, invited to throw me off my guard. Fool that I was to be so nearly duped by her!"

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When Mirs. Colonel Montressor returned the speaker saw by her flashing eye, and the curl of her red, scornful lip, that she had succeeded.
"Thanks," he said, as she placed a scrap of paper in his hand. It contained but three words: "Pavilion-midnight—alliance." He read them over twice before he felt fully satisfied that he had seized their meaning. "Dearest Adela," he whispered, "you have proved yourself my good genius This Little scrap of paper was necessary to my happiness."
The lady appeared anything but gratified at the compliment.
"To my security," he added.
"Ah, now I understand you. She is worse, more heartless, than even I

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"Do you doubt me?' she added, repreachfully.

"No, Adela,' he answered; "I have received too many proofs of your devetion for that; it was but a passing thought. Till an hour after midnight!

"And then?"

"Then," said the libertine, "I am your own."

CHAPTER LXI

Proofs clear as founts of July, when We see each grain of gravel.—SHARESPEARS.

RODERICK HASTINGS held a brief conversation with Sir Mark Raymond, who fallon as he was, hesitated at the service demanded of him; for, if he had not the honor of a gontleman, he had at least the pride of manhood left; but, like most men who have taken one false step, the baronet found it more easy to advance than recode. The tempin had served him, and he now found himself called upon to pay the debt.

said the former, "that you have my authority for what you

"Remember," said the former, "that you have my authority for what you do. Obtain it, if possible, by fair means; if not, use force."
"But violence—and a woman!" urged Mark, in a tone of remonstrance.
"Is it worse than fraud and a woman!" demanded his friend. "I have heard of a casulat splitting hairs. It is rather too late to play the moralist. I had no such qualms when it was the question to serve you."
"That is true," replied the young man; "and the debt of gratitude, as I suppose you call it, must be paid. Do you know, Roderick," he added, with a sigh, "I sometimes wish it had never been incurred. There, say no more. I

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He quitted the room as he spoke, and his considerate observed with a smile that his wife very shortly afterwards disappeared; but not before Lord Mount-joy had so far relaxed from his stateliness as to engage him in conversation. "Cleverly planned," thought the master of Crowshall; "but I have the key of the enigma, and can turn the tables."

Never during the course of his long life had the coolness and self-possession of the peer been so put to it. Gradually dropping the tone of deference he had at first assumed, Roderick proceeded to banter his lordship on the motives of his visit; hinted that he had second from his party and principles, and ratted to the winster.

to the ministry.

The idea of a Mountjoy ratting! They had been consistent in their prejudices, virtues and vices, ever since the conquest.

A group gradually gathered round them, and the scene grew interesting. It was really a study to observe the exquisite tact with which the aged nobleman parried the coarse home-thrusts of his adversary—his indifference when palpably hit—his unruffled features at the all but positive insults levelled at him. The persecution was so gallantly borne, that several of the neighboring gentry, although opposed to the peer in politics, began to side with him, and there was great risk of the conversation degenerating into a squabble. Fortunately it was prevented by the return of Sir Mark Raymond. Roderick most unceremoniously broke through the circle, and darted to meet him.

His friend placed a packet in his hand.

"How did you obtain it—by violence?" he demanded.
"No," replied the baronet; "that shame at least has been spared me.
Your wife evidently mistook me for another."

"My obligation to you is eternal."
He thrust the packet into his bosom, and advancing to the spot where Mrs. olonel Montressor was standing, offered her his arm.
"Have you obtained the proofs of her culpability?" he inquired.

all that I require.

"Thank heaven !" was the reply.

The woman who had violated one of the most sacred of the moral laws, dared

to thank heaven that the wife she had wronged was, as she imagined, as little

to thank heaven that the wife she had wronged was, as she imagined, as little worthy asympathy as herself.

For a man of his experience in the temper and heart of a woman, Roderick Hastings, in the intoxication of his triumph over Mabel—for such he considered it—committed one grave error: he gave her the opportunity of overwhelming the rival who had supplanted her in his affections, but treated her with disdain, with confusion and shame—an occasion too tempting to be lost. He approached the spot on which his wife was standing, surrounded by scircle of the principal ladies of the country, with Mrs. Colonel Montressor hanging on his arm. With a woman's quickness of perception, she noticed how those of her own sex drew back as she approached, and a feeling of sickness came over her. She would have requested her companion to lead her from the room, but the words clung to the roof of her mouth.

'My love,' said the hypocrite, "you are neglecting your duty as hostess sadly. Mrs. Montressor is waiting an introduction to your friends."

The eyen of Mabel flashed fire—all the long pent-up scorn and jealousy of years broke forth in that single glance; even Roderick stood for an instant confounded and appalled.

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"Lady Mountjoy," she said, "as my nearest female relative I must appear to you, in what terms I ought to present the mistress of my husband to my friends!" "Are you mad?" demanded the astonished husband, with a threat

"No, I have recovered my senses," replied his wife, calmly. "I see in the idol I once worshipped the sordid image of clay, the cold, heartless speculator, the beggar whom my misplaced affection enriched. I might have endured the began whom my inspaced anecton enriched. I might have endured that," she added, "accepted the knowledge of his real character and motives as the punishment of my folly, but when you bring a wanton beneath my very roof, degrade me o her level by forcing on me her companionship, my soul revolts; therefore, I ask again, on what terms I am to present Mrs. Colonel Montressor, the mistress of my husband, to my friends?"

Before she had concluded the latter part of her sentence, every word of which was heard by the crowd who had gathered round her, the object of her indignant secon had fainted.

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"Maniae!" exclaimed her husband, breaking through the circle and grasping her rudely by the arm; "I can no longer permit this folly. Retire to your room. Ladies," he added, "by heavens! the being whom her calumny has wounded, I fear, to death, is pure and innocent as the—as the most virtuous woman present. I pledge my honor—my life to her reputation."

This declaration was received with a general titter by the female portion of his hearers. Several felt offended at the comparison, and muttered the word "creature." In the midst of this scene of conferma Colonel Montressor approached, and seeing his wife insensible, demanded an explanation of what had

cans," replied his host, "that Mrs. Hastings is mad. In her jealous folly she has made the most wild, improbable, ridiculous, false accuses against this suffering angel. Confess your error," he added, in an under to "if you hope for pardon."

Mabel, whose wrist still remains. in the grasp of the speaker, neither heat-ta ted nor permitted her courage to quall beneath his threats.

"Colonel Montressor will soon have an opportunity of judging of the purity of his wife's conduct," ahe replied. "Her letters are free for his inspection at

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"Letters"!" repeated her arionished husband.

"Believe her not, Montressor," exclaimed Eoderick. "I tell you she is mad—quite mad. I never received a letter from your wife in my life."

"Were the contents of the casket in the old cabinet then a forgery?" demanded Mabel, with a cold smile.

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Her husband released his grasp, and asked no more questions.

"This is indeed a painful exposure, but the tyranny and brutal conduct of Mr. Hastings left his wife no other resource," observed Lady Mountjoy, in a tone of emotion; "but I cannot permit by my silence the assertion that she is mad, that these charges have no other foundation than a disordered imagination, to remain uncontradicted. I have read Mrs. Montressor's letters addressed to the husband of my relative, and regret to add," continued the venerable speaker, "that they leave no doubt of their mutual guilt."

"If the colonel still doubts," added Mabel, "here is a letter which I have retained; let him convince himself whether I am mad or not."

The injured husband cast one glance upon the lett: which the speaker held out to him. Brief as it was, it proved sufficient to dissipate his illusion; he rushed from the ball-room, and in five minutes afterwards had quitted the manor-house.

manor-house. With the assistance of Therese, his wife's maid, Roderick conveyed the still insensible Mrs. Montressor to her chamber, and then returned with the full intention of wreaking his vengeance on his wife; but Mabel had retired to her own room, from which, as our readers are aware, she possessed the means of quitting the house at her will. It was in vain that her infuriated husband thundered at the door; no voice replied to him; requests and menaces alike remained unheeded. At last, with the assistance of Sir Mark Raymond and Bender, he contrived to force an entrance, when he found, to his astonishment, that the apartment was empty.

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"Fled, by heavens!" he exclaimed.
"Perhaps with the gentleman whom she mistook me for in the park tonight," observed the baronet.

"Not she," replied his companion. "She has not the heart to sacrifice that sickly thing, called reputation, at the impulse of passion. Poor Adela," he added, "this discovery will cause her death."

"Yours or her husband's rather," said Sir Mark; "for doubtless you will hear from him in the morning. I am astonished," he added, "that with your experience, and a jealous wife, you should have kept the proofs of your indisexection."

"It was my fote," answered Roderick.

Here the valet pointed to a letter which had been left upon the table. His master eagerly seized it—its contents were as follows:

"I will spare you the crime you meditate; in this world we meet no more. How truly, how devotedly a woman can love, you have proved; how she can hate, you have yet to learn. When you are stripped of the wealth my folly bestowed, and driven from the house you have made a desert, think of Mabel. Then, and not till then, her wrongs will be atoned."

"Upon my honor!" exclaimed Sir Mark Raymond, as his friend finished reading it, "a very agreeable epistle. But women never take these little affairs coolly. I cannot help thinking, Roderick, that you manage matters better for your friends than for yourself. By-the-bye," he added, "what does she mean by your being stripped of your wealth and driven from Crowshall?"

"A mad, empty threat," was the reply.

"Humph!" muttered the baronet, doubtfully; "if her power to carry out her menace is as certain as her sanity, I would not give a year's rent for your tenure of the estate."

"It is safe," replied his friend, "as your own."

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When Roderick returned to his own chamber, his first care was carefully to examine the packet which the baronet had so cleverly obtained for him. Its contents proved not only that Lawyer Elisgood's information, but that his suspicions were correct, for it contained the deed of settlement made by Sir Gilbert. As he perused it he saw why the grandmother of Mabel had suppressed it. It contained a charge by way of life-rent on the estate in favor of his mistress and her child.

"My informant was right?" he said.

nis mistress and her child.

"My informant was right," he said. "A woman, in her hate, is more cunning than a lawyer, more persevering than a priest. Dearly have Lady Herbert's descendants paid for the cruelty of their grandam."

Holding the parchment in the flame of the candle, he watched it while it crackled and coiled up, like a thing instinct with life, and when at last he saw that he had reduced it to shapeless cinder, he threw it upon the hearthstone, and trampled it to dust.

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"I have now but one peril remaining," he said, the greatest and the last:
the son of Walter Herbert may yet return to claim the inheritance of his forefathers. As for Mabel, in destroying my hopes of the baronetcy, exposing her
rival, she has done her worst; I can defy her now."

Had Mr. Ellsgood, the lawyer, been present, and heard him make such an observation, most probably he would have confessed that it passed even his sagacity when a woman had done her worst. An old bachelor is spiteful ough for anything.

Shortly after noon the following day a Captain Bracy drove up to the manor-house and sent up his card to Roderick, who, guessing his errand, at once received him.

ceived him.
"Not having the honor of your acquaintance," he said, "I presume that
ur visit is made on the part of some friend!"
"Mr. Hastings has divined my errand with great tact," replied the officer.

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"I am here to demand satisfaction for Colonel Montressor, whose friendship, as he declares, you have foully abused."
"Enough, sir!" interrupted the master of Crowshall. "I will spare you the sain of repeating, and myself that of hearing, the complimentary terms in which your friend has spoken of me, by referring you at once to my friend, Sir Mark Raymond. I leave all the arrangements to him."

As a matter of course they were soon made, and a meeting appointed at Collingham wood for the following day.

No sooner had the Captain departed than the baronet sought his friend to inform him of the arrangements he had made with Colonel Montressor's second, and concluded by expressing a wish that he might shoot him through the heart.

"No chance of that " replied Roderick: "I shall fire in the air !

"What, repentance!" ejaculated Sir Mark.
"No, prudence. Montreasor is a great fool, or he must have seen how
fairs stood; and, entre nous, I do not think will break his heart for the loss

of Adela. He calls me out as a matter of course; society expects no

But should be demand a second fire?" "In that case," answered the master of Crowshall, deliberately, "seemerons, as the French say; if he values his life, he will do nothing of the kind. You know I seldom miss my aim."

rentlemen met—exchanged shots, and parted—if not with all esteem, at least without any very decided sentiments of The next day the gentle expressions of mutual esteem hostility towards each other.

The col nel was a man of the world, and felt that to mourn for the loss of a that done, he had not the slightest desire to risk his life a second time

Mabel had laid her plans so effectually that even had her husband attempted pursuit it must have been hopeless; and two days after quitting her ancestral home arrived in London, where her cousin, the Honorable Edgar Sutton, met her by appointment.

Although the gentleman had been in the neighborhood of Crowshall on the very night of her flight, the outraged wife refused to avail herself of his pro-She had one feeling of self-respect left-her pride in an un

On hearing the sound of her cousin's voice Mabel started. It was not the one she had heard in the park. In figure, too, and bearing, the

"Allow me to congratulate you," he said, "on the spirited step you have taken. I have seen Mr. Elton, and he is quite willing to undertake your cause. He appears to entertain a strong feeling against the man whom you honored he make a new hone and the said." by making your husband.'

The lady sighed heavily as she recollected the cause

"Pardon my impatience," added the speaker, "but have you not brought the deed you spoke of in your letter with you? Circumstances, I am aware, prevented your meeting me as you proposed in Crowshall Park."

"I was there," said Mabel.

44 Impossible,

And gave the parchment into the hands of one who must have been one of my husb

y husband's emissaries. The mistake has marred all my plans."

'' And robbed me of fourteen thousand a-year," exclaimed the Ho

sten, in a tone of impatience. "I must see Elten, and consult with

him how this blow is to be parried. There must have been a great want or

prodence."

"Not on my side," replied Mabel, firmly. "I followed my instructions to the letter; you wrote in your note the words 'pavillon-midnight-alliance.' At midnight I went to the spot you indicated, and gave the packet into the hands of a man enveloped in a cloak, who pronounced the words you yourself the indicated."

had indicated."
"Even supposing the fault to have been entirely my own," said the gentleman, "the result is not the less provoking; the deed has fallen into your husband's hands, who may now laugh at our attempts to crush him, to wring from
him the inheritance of my ancestors, of which I have been so long unjustly

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"I must seek an avenger elsewhere than in this man," murmured the unhappy woman, as soon as her relative had taken his leave; "he has no heart—sordid! cordid as the reaf. Would that Elton would speak out," she added: "but I have no key to win his confidence; he knows and despises me." It was not till Mr. Elton had heard from her own lips the account of the manner in which the deed had been obtained from her, that he felt perfectly convinced his client, the Honorable Edgar Sutton, had not been played upon by Mabel; and yet he was at a loss to suppose a motive.

"You find me sadly changed since last we met," she observed.
The lawyer regarded her, despite her crimes, with a deep feeling of commiseration. It was the wreck of the once beautiful heiress of Crowshall that stood before him. Her form thin almost to attenuation. Her raven hair premated in the suppose of the once beautiful heiress of Crowshall that stood before him. Her form thin almost to attenuation. Her raven hair premated in the property of the once beautiful heiress of Crowshall that stood before him. Her form thin almost to attenuation. Her raven hair premated in the property of the once beautiful heiress of Crowshall that stood before him. Her property on the property on the property on the property of the content of the property of the unit of the unit of the property of the property of the unit of the unit of the property of the unit of t

before him. Her form thin almost to attenuation. Her raven hair prematurely silvered by sorrow, not by age—her eyes were the only features unchanged; they were by turns as wild, as dreamy, as full of expression as ever.

"We none of us grow younger, Mrs. Hastings," he replied.

"Not that name," exclaimed the repentant woman. "Did you know how hateful, how loathsome it sounds in my ears you would not use it. Call me Mabel—Madam—anything you please."

The gentleman could scarcely repress a sigh as he recollected how deeply she had sinned to obtain that name.

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w that I am rightly punished," she continued, "and the co "I know that I am rightly punished," she continued, "and the consciousness that I am so renders my torments the more intolerable. It haunts me like a dream that my brother Walter did not die a childless man. I do not ask you to confide in me—class I am not worthy of confidence. All I implore is a word in pity—something for hope to linger on. Are my presentiments but idle dreams indeed? Are the broad lands of my fathers irrevocably the property of the mercenary wretch who plotted the destruction of their descendants? Are there no means to tear them from his grasp—no heir to dispute the claim my ill-starred marriage gave him?"

Etton smiled.

"I have every reason to believe," he said, "that the heir of your brother alter will in due time appear. He has friends, warm friends, who are watch

ful of his interests."

"Can I not aid them?" exclaimed Mabel. "I have my diamonds left, and still some money at my banker's. Take it all, to the last penny. I will toil, beg, starve, cheerfully," ahe added, "provided I only live to see Roderick Hastings deprived of his ill-gotten wealth."

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"It would be as useless as unnecessary," replied the lawyer; "the friends
I spoke of are rich, and require no assistance in the great work of justice."

"Alas!" replied Mabel, "I am not thought worthy to join in it; to me it

would be the luxury of ato (To be continued.)

CRIME AND ITS CONSEQUENCES-MELANCHOLY CASE.

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We are constrained to give the particulars of an affair that has recently transpired in our village, and which in its melancholy and fatal termination has shocked this whole community: A respectably-dressed and ladylike-appearing female stopped at the Mansion House on Thursday forencon of last week, and asked for the accommodation of a room. She seemed to be suffering from acu e bodily pain, though as she did not complain of sickness or ask for the aid of a physician, it was thought she was laboring under a mere temporary attack. However, as she remained in her room and did not come to the public table, mesls were sent up to her during that and the following day. On Friday night the occupants of the house were startled by a piercing scream from the vicinity of the stranger's room. Mr. Clute was the first to reach the spot. He found her prostrate in the hall, clinging with both hands to the banisters and writhing in agony of pain. With the aid of others he carried her back to her room, and placed her on the bed. Dr. Avery was immediately sent for, and soon arrived. He at once divined the cause of her suffering. On being told that further concealment of her condition was impossible, and pressed for an explanation of her case, she disclosed all. She was a married woman, respectably brought up in this town. Her husband, by whom she had two children—one of whom is still living—is now and has been for two or three years past in California. Since his absence she had formed an acquaintance with a gentleman, to whom in a fatal hour she sacrificed her honor. The fruits of her fall in time became apparent; yet no decisive step was taken to conceal her shame until a few days since, when she received a letter from her husband, informing her of his intended return in a few weeks. In her desperation she applied, on Thursday morning last, to one of our village physicians. To his everlasting infamy and diagrace, he consented to and did perform an operation. She was told by him—so she

THE FRESHET AND LOSS OF PROPHETY.—For three days of last week there was a continual rain on the Hudson River, from Hudson to Yonkers, and it is estimated that \$200,000 worth of property has been destroyed. The greatest loss is in and around Poughkeepsie. Most of the bridges have been swept away and destroyed; among them are the following: The Manchester bridge, covered, cost near \$5,000; the Washington bridge, stone, cost near \$3,000; the bridges in Bridge street, \$500; and the Mansion street bridge, worth \$200. In Dutchess avenue the road was washed to the depth of ten and twelve feet, and the water rushed down like a mighty river. Many of the citizens were under the necessity of using the fire-engine and force pump in order to save their property from being entirely destroyed. The track beginning at the depot and extending for about a mile north was entirely covered with mud and water, and several cars literally half buried in it, rendering travelling through direct impossible. At Poughkeepsie the passengers had to change cars in order to proceed to and from New York.

FRESHET ON THE HARLEM RALEADAD.—Several breaks and consequent interruptions to travel were caused by the last freshet on the Harlem railroad. The express trains which left albany and New York on Wednesday morning, August 20, aucceeded in getting through without much difficulty, but the mail trains which left this city and Albany a few hours afterward were unable to do so, the track being washed away near Brewster's, and between South Dover and Pauling's. At the Ice Pond it overflowed for a distance of a hundred feet.

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The Effects of the Storm.—The severe rain-storm of last week continued at Albany for thirty-six hours. Great damage has been done to the crops and bridges, and mills have sustained serious injury. The trains from the West were stopped. Kenwood bridge, over Normankill Creek, three miles below the city, was carried away. Congden's Dye Mill, four stories high, in the vicinity of the bridge, was swept away. Also, Kirk's Grist Mill. Laver Island is overflowed and the garden crops destroyed. All the docks and plers were under water, and geods were rapidly removed from the warehouses along the river, which, it was thought, would be submerged, as the water was rapidly rising. It rose four feet from five o'clock in the evening to seven the next morning. The schooner Southerner, from Philadelphia to Eastport, thence to St. John's, with a cargo of coal, flour, merchandise, &c., went sahore on the beach opposite Moriches. Sails and rigging principally saved. Vessel has gone to pieces. Brig Casilno, Capt. Marshal, from Baltimore to Dayton, with coal, total loss—the vessel gone to pieces. Two miles further West, schooner Mary Francis, from Philadelphia for Newburyport—nort much damage.

NEW ROUTE TO BOSTON.—The long-talked-of railroad rout to Boston will be opened for travel early in September, under the auspices of the New York and Boston Central Railread Company. The trains will leave Brooklyn at eight o'clock in the morning, and at twelve o'clock noon, running over the Long Island Railroad to Greenpert, where passengers will embark on steamers for New London. Here they will take the care for Boston, via Norwich and Pomfret on the Norwich and Worcester road. At Pomfret the care will turn off on to the "Air Line" road, sixty miles to Boston, running through Blackstone, (where a junction is made with the Providence and Worcester road) and on through Dorchester and South Boston, landing at the foot of Summer street, Boston, in ei

POLICE INTELLIGENCE

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Succession Swindle.—Justaf Michael, a German pedlar, doing business in Houston street, was arrested August 20th by officer hissterion, of the Chief's office, on complaint of Peter Schmidt, a German watchmaker, deing business at 192 Eldridge street, who charges him with having, in connection with other parties, defrauded him out of \$2,000 under the following circumstances: In the month of March last the complainant, who is in the habit of buying and selling gold dust for mechanical purposes, was visited by a pediar named Oppenhiemer, who purchased some gold dust and then departed. Some days after this, as the complainant alleges, Oppenhiemer returned, and said that the gold dust was stolen properly, and that Schmidt would be likely to get himself into trouble. The story of the pediar was a very unpleasant cost to Schmidt, who, half frightened to death, imagined himself on the way to Sing Sing ere Oppenhiemer took his leave the second time. The fellow hinted that poor Schmidt would probably have the pleasure of serving the State of New York for twenty years to come, and succeeded completely in his designs. Some days after the bad news reached the ears of the watchmaker, and just as he was thinking over the events of the preceding day, two men entered the store, and stating that they were policemen in disguise, told Schmidt that he had been buying a large quantity of stolen gold dust, and that he was booked for Sing Sing. They intimated they had been after him a long time past, and had spent about \$1,200 in looking up the case; but they said they were repaid for all their trouble, and at last had captured the bird. The mock policemen then questioned Schmidt as to his property and family. He said he had \$2,000 in the Scamen's Savings Bank, in Wall street, and was otherwise well to do in the vorid, At the mention of \$2,000 the sharpers pricked up their care and suddenly became quite sympathetic. They did not like the idea of separating Schmidt from his family, but then they had been at great ex

Mysterious Disappearance.—Suspected Kidnapping.—A little girl, about thirteen years of age, disappeared mysteriously at Algiers, on Thursday last, and since then all search for her has proved in vain. The circumstances, as they have been related to us, are as follows: About fourteen years ago a worthy woman was married, and during the first year of her matrimonial experience she was abandoned by her husband, whom she has never since seen. A month or so after her husband disappeared she became the mother of a child, which in time grow up to be an interesting girl. This girl is the one whose mysterious disappearance we are called upon to chronicle. Having taken the necessary legal steps, the mother was married a second time, about two years ago, and has since been residing very happily with her husband at Algiers. On Wednesday night last she had a strangely vivid dream, in which it appeared that her first husband returned to her and robbed her of her child—the dear one who has cost her so much trouble and anxiety. In the morning she told the dream to ber husband and daughter, and they laughed at her for the importance which she seemed to attach to it. She, however, found it impossible to banish from her mind a vague idea that some serious calamity was about to befall her, though her reason could not be convinced that it would come in the "questionable shape" indicated by the dream. At dinner time, on Thursday, the little girl ran down to the dockyard for the purpose of getting some chips, and not returning in the course of half an hour, her mother and stepfather went out in quest of her. Their search, however, proved utterly fruitless, and the only information that has since been obtained is, that about the time when the girl must have arrived at the dock, two men were seen to row off rapidly in a skiff, having with them a little girl about the age and appearance of the one in question. The mother is, of course, almost frantic, for she fears that hey dream has been realized to the very letter, and she blames hers MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—SUSPECTED KIDNAPPING.—A

INAUGURATION OF STATE GEOLOGICAL HALL.

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The interesting ceremonies of the inauguration of the State Geological Hall took place on Wednesday, the 27th of August. More than five thousand persons were present, accommodated under a magnificent tent erected in the Academy park. A jety large proportion of the audience was composed of ladies, who Evched on with great apparent earnestness and seemed to be vastly edified by the view of the notabilities who were thickly grouped together on the stage. On the front row sat Governor Clark, and ex-Governors Hunt and Seymour. Among the clergymen were Bishop Potter, Chencellor Ferris, of New York; Dr. Wyckoff, of Albany, Hon. George Bancroft, Hon. J. T. Headly, Sir William Logan, Prof. Hitchcock, Prof. Agassis, Prof. Bache, Prof. Wilson, Prof. Bartlett, and a host of others, filled the remaining seats. Above the heads of the speakers were suspended small tri-colored flags, inscribed respectively: Geology, Meteorology, Metallurgy, The Press, Mineralogy, Ethnology, Astronomy. In the rear of the stage were similar flags, inscribed as follows: Chemistry, Physiology, Concholoz:, Paleontology, Microscopy, Art, Steam, Commerce, Science, Navi ation, Telegraph, Letters, Hydrology, Zoology, Ichthyology, Manufactures, Agriculture, Physics, Anatomy, Botany.

After the organization, Prof. Agassis was introduced and was received with great enthusiasm. He spoke of the occasion, the inauguration of a State Geological Hall, as one possessing great interest for scientific men. The Geological Survey of New York, he said, had given a new nomenclature to the Science of Geology. What the geologists have been collecting is read with interest over the world. Geologists from Europe, when they come to this country, at once ask, "Which his the way to Albany?" and they pore with delight over the evidences of old formations which the survey of this State has developed. As appropriate to the occasion, he proposed to treat of the tendency of scientific investigations. That tendency is to show

GROLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL HALL,

STATE STREET, ALBANY Among the buildings recently erected for public purposes, the Geological and Agricultural Hall, on State street, deserves especial notice, not only on account of its architecture, and materials of which it is built, but also for the excellent purposes to which it is dedicated. Our engraving makes a detailed description unnecessary. Among the many rooms that are devoted to useful purposes, the lecture room deserves especial attention from its happy construction and general arrangement of the interior. In this noble edifice will be deposited the finest geological collection probably in the country, and also everything relating to the great agricultural interests of the State, whether comprised of facts or machinery. The dedication of this building will very properly take place ere the American Association for the Advancement of Science closes its next session.

THE FISHERIES. - A

The Fisheries.—A correspondent at Gio accester writes us that six or eight vessels have arrived at that port from the bay thus far, with fares varying from 200 to 300 barrels cach. A large number are now looked for, and soon there will be arrivals, almost daily, until the close of the season. Never was there so large a fleet from that port at the bay, as this year, the different concerns and packing establishments, of which there are twenty-four in the port, fitting severally from six to thirty vessels each.—Boston Transcript, Aug. 14.

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NEW VILLAGES.—The Jersey City Courier says the Irish laborers employed upon the Bergen Hilf Tunnel have exceted two or three shanty villages, just north of the sections upon which they are engaged, and in which many of the wives and children of the workmen are domiciled. The appearance of the villages is characteristic of the Irish. The Corkonians and Fardowners have separate towns, but the respective inhabitants occasionally meet, and celebrate the event by an old-fashi med shindy. Of course, both sections go it strong for "Buck and Breck."

ALCOHOL.—M. Berthelot, of France, has lately solved an inter-

go it strong for "Buck and Breck."

Alcohol.—M. Berthelot, of France, has lately solved an interesting problem in relation to the production of alcohol. The same acid (sulphuric) which on being mixed with alcohol and heated to 32) F. liberates bicarburetted hydrogen, will, if united when cold with bicarburetted hydrogen, water, and carbonate of potash, produce alcohol. M. Berthelot has produced alcohol from common coal gas, but whether the process is cheap enough to entitle him to the thanks of those who would use it as a beverage, remains to be proved.

How To KILL CATERPILLARS.—A farmer in Massachusetts says that he has found the use of molasses very effectual in destroying caterpillars; that when they are in the nest he has smeared it over with molasses, and that none have ever escaped from it; that they cannot travel over a limb where the molasses has touched, and that it does not in any way injure the tree; and that upon the whole he likes it better than lighted torches, unpowder, soap-suds, whale oil, soap, or even the thumb and finger!



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DIPLOMATIC SALARIES .- The act gives the ministers to England DIPLOMATIC SALARIES.—The act gives the ministers to England and France \$17,500 per annum each, and the secondary class of ministers, namely those to Russia, Spain, Austria, Prussia, Brazil, Mexico and China, each \$12,000. Ministers resident are to receive 75 per cent, Chargés d'Affaires 50 per cent, and Secretaries of Legation 15 per cent of these amounts. The Consular service is also wholly remodelled. Consuls are hereafter not to trade directly or indirectly; nor are they to assume diplomatic functions when a diplomatic officer of the United States is in the country. Provision is made for the education of young men for the Consular service. The two best Consulates—Liverpool and London—are hereafter to be salaried at \$7,500. The Consuls at Havana, Havre and Rio de Janeiro are to get \$6,000 each. The other Consulates range from \$1,000 to \$500; all of these at ports with which we have any extended trade being sufficiently remunerated to enable the incumbent to live without doing any other business.

Gibbon and The French Doctor.—A good story of Gibbon is

GIBBON AND THE FRENCH DOCTOR.—A good story of Gibbon is told in the last volume of Moore's Memoir. The dramatis persone were Lady Elizabeth Foster, Gibbon, the historian, and an eminent French physician, courting the lady's favor. Impatient at Gibbon's occupying so much of her attention by his conversation, the doctor said crossly to him, "When the Lady Elizabeth Foster is made ill with your twaddle, I will cure her." On which Gibbon, drawing himself up gradually, and looking disdainfully at the physician, replied, "When my Lady Elizabeth Foster is dead from your recipes, I will immortalize her."

CIRCULATING ABOLITION DOCUMENTS.—John Duberry has been arrested at Columbus, Mississippi, charged with circulating the speeches of Senators Sumner and Seward among slaves. The punishment, on conviction, is ten years in the penitentiary.

The brig Ellen arrived here, Aug. 26, having on board the sub-arine cable lost from the James Adger last summer.

THE SHAKERS.—The number of Shaker So-cieties now in this coun-try is eighteen, located in seven different States. in seven different States. There are none in any foreign country. The denomination was founded through the instrumentality of a female, Ann Lee, who was born in 1736. She was introduced, as she believed, into the spirit world, and received communications from Christ and Moses, from whom she received instruction, in regard to the principles received instruction, in regard to the principles of the dispensations which they ushered in. The Shakers hold that there have been four dispensations of God to man—the first beginning with Adam, and extending to Abraham; the second extending from Abraham to Jesus; the third from Jesus to Ann Lee; and the fourth from Ann Lee onward. The first Society was established in 1792, near Albany. Albany.

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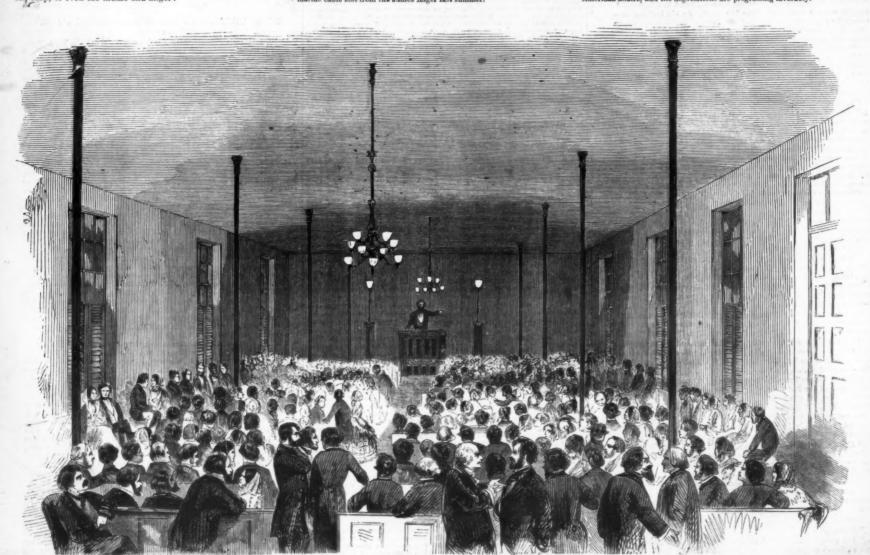
Inompson has been selected for Unier Marshal, and the whole details are in the hands of an efficient committee of the City Council.

What Next?—A pickpocket detector has been invented down East. It consists externally of a case, resembling that of a watch in size and shape. It has a fob-chain or string, and is worn in the pocket like a watch. Within the case is a bell and spring-hammer, the latter connected with the fob-chain. The supposition is that the thief will suppose that the watch-chain is attached to a bona fide watch, and will accordingly pull the chain in order to obtain the prize; but instead of getting the watch, the watch gets him. The pull sounds the alarm bell, the owner of the watch grabs the rogue, and the policeman conducts him to limbo.

INDIAN RELICES.—Mr. Warren Clark, of Gosport, writes to th Lockport Journal, that the laborers on the canal enlargement, neae his residence, a few days since, came upon a large deposit of human skeletons, numbering probably six hundred. They were all piled together, and though perfect when first exposed to the air, they soon crumbled after coming to the light. It is supposed that this unusual assemblage of human remains is due to the occurrence—perhaps centuries since—of a terrific Indian conflict, the dead of which were all interred in the pit now first opened to the white man's inspection.

Missionaries for Asia.—The following missionaries have taken passage in the ship J. Montgomery, to sail from Boston for Bombay: Rev. Messrs. S. R. Fairbank and wife, William Wood and wife, Charles Harding and wife, and S. C. Dean and wife.

Despatches have been received from London in regard to Central merican affairs, and the negotiations are progressing favorably.



THE GIRL AND

LAMB. AFTER JACOB BECKER. AFTER JACOB BECKER.

THE rapid advancement toward perfection of wood engraving in this country, is among the marvels of our growth in the things that refine and educate our people. things that renne and educate our people. It must be recollected that but comparatively a few years ago illustrations to books were rare, and pictures in newspapers were things unknown. Now we successfully Now we successfully compete with the best examples across the water, and if we continue to improve, there seems to be a promise that in time we shall seems to be a promise that in time we shall have no rivals. The engraving representing the "Girl and Lamb" was originally produced on the wood by W. J. Linton, an English engraver, who is not only remarkable for his skill and genius in art, but is celebrated for his great natural endowments, particularly as exhibited in the "Politician." For many years Mr. Linton headed a party of Chartists or Radicals, and made himself feared by the government; to such an extent was he watched, that he could not go abroad without being followed by the police. For the last we wears, fortunately for the arts, Mr. Linton has returned to the peaceful pursuits of a legitimate profession, and the result is, that the world is charmed by the evidences of his matchless skill. The picture which is so finely illustrated is a great favorite with all who study its merits. Innocence in the person' of the little girl is repeated in the lamb that runs by her side, and catches at the stray flowers she has gathered from the fields. No composition could be more happily conceived, and it has been exe-cuted with a care and fidelity quite unusual to modern pictures.

THE LATE COR-NELIUS BOGART, Esq.

FOR many years past,
Cor. Bogart, Esq.,
has been known as
one of our oldest and
most esteemed citizens. His recent
death naturally recalls to mind some
incidents in his history, and his virtues
demand a more than
passing notice. Mr.
Bogart was born in
the city of New York, on the 14th day of August, 1775. He was
eight days old when the British ship of war Asia, commanded by
Lord Nelson, fired into the city, one ball passing directly over the
house of which he was an occupant. This house stood in Broadway
below Cedar street. His father was one of the Vigilant Committee
of the city, and a price was set upon his head by the British government. His grandfather was Dominie Johannes Ritzema, who
preached in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church. He was the
grand-nephew of Colonel Ritzema, a skillful and efficient officer,



CORNELIUS BOGART, ESQ., DECEASED. AMBROTTEED BY BRANT.

FINE ARTS.



"GIRL AND LAMB."-FROM AN ENGRAVING AFTER JACOB BECKER.

who fought with us in the commencement of the revolution, and who distinguished himself at the storming of Quebec. The Revolution having fairly begun, the parents of the infant Cornelius left the city and took up their residence at Pompton plains, State of New Jersey. Although a child at the time, he remembered being in the American camp, saw General Washington as Commander-in-chief of the army, and frequently afterwards as President of United States. At a proper age he prepared himself for the practice of the law in the office of Peter Jay Monroe and C. J. Bogart, Esqrs., and was admitted to the bar in 1796, from which early period he performed the active duties of his profession almost up the time of his death. He frequently stated that he was the opposing council in the first cause engaged in by Thomas Addis Emmett. Cornelius Bogart was for many years Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons, and dispensed the large charities of the time-honored order. As executor of John Scudder he directed for the benefit of the widow and orphans the American Museum, which was by him located in its present position. As a politician he was originally a Federalist, and was a strong political and personal friend of Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Within the past year he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding. Mr. Bogart was one of those "old-times citizens" who had no ambition to shine in public life, steadfastly and faithfully performing the duties of his profession; it was alone in the circle of his friends and intimate acquaintances that he was truly known and fully appreciated, and in this circle he was honored and bleased. He died full of years and honor, and leaves a large circle of descendants, who can point to his example with pride, and joyously emulate his virtues. Thus pass away those who are connected with the early history of our great metropolis.

JOHN E. GAVITT, ESQ.

Mr. GAVITT, widely known to the banking community as one of the best engravers in the country, is one of those gentlemen who happily combine business with high scientific attainments. As Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he has come in contact with the intellectual minds of the country, and won, by his urbane manners and his scholarly attainments, a wide-spread and honorable fame. As ambassador to the savous of Europe, from the Association of which he is secretary, he had the pleasure of receing Airy, Royal Astronomer of England; La Verrier, of France; Argelander, of Germany; Stranor, of Russia, and other equally famous victors in the world of science, and brought back from those master minds not only the sympathy but substantial contributions to the American association. Mr. Gavitt worthily represents a large number of eminent citizens of Albany who find time and have inclination to devote a portion of their time to science, and thus secure to themselves a wider and more noble field of exjeyment than if whelly abserted in the material pursuits of Me.

He thinks he will soon be able to make imposteamboat engines.—Savannah News.

CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM.—A guest of the Owen's He ville, lately ascended in his sleep to the top of the house, undertook to descend by the waterspout; losing his best, unknown distance. Although seriously bruised, he is not gerous condition. His name is P. Simmons. He is a New York.



JOHN B. GAVITT, ESQ., SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSE TION FOR THE ARVANCEMENT OF SCHERCE. AMERITTED DT BEADT.

GEOLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL HALL STATE STREET, ALBANY.

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Among the buildings recently erected for public purposes, the Geological and Agricultural Hall, on State street, deserves especial notice, not only on account of its architecture, and materials of which it is built, but also for the excellent purposes to which it is dedicated. Our engraving makes a detailed description unnecessary. Among the many rooms that are devoted to useful purposes, the lecture room deserves especial attention from its happy construction and general arrangement of the interior. In this noble edifice will be deposited the finest geological collection probably in the country, and also everything relating to the great agricultural interests of the State, whether comprised of facts or machinery. The dedication of this building will very properly take place ere the American Association for the Advancement of Science closes its next session. Among the buildings re-

THE FISHERIES. - A

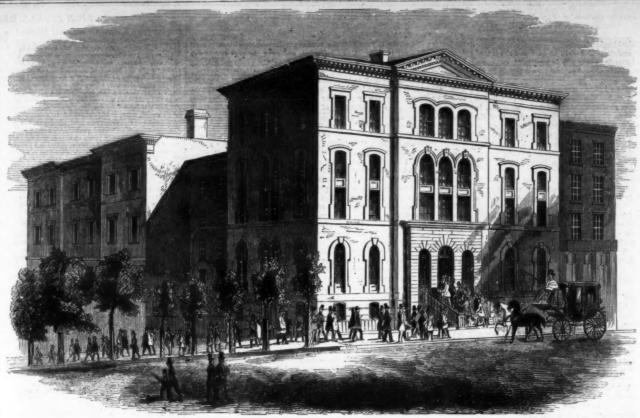
The Fisheries.—A correspondent at Gio - cester writes us that six or eight vessels have arrived at that port from the bay thus far, with fares varying from 200 to 300 barrels cach. A large number are now looked for, and soon there will be arrivals, almost daily, until the close of the season. Never was there so large a fleet from that port at the bay, as this year, the different concerns and packing establishments, of which there are twenty-four in the port, fitting severally from six to thirty vessels cach.—Boston Transcript, Aug. 14. port, fitting seveript, Aug. 14.

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New Villages.—The Jersey City Courier says the Irish laborers employed upon the Bergen Hilf Tunnel have erected two or three shanty villages, just north of the sections upon which they are engaged, and in which many of the wives and children of the workmen are domiciled. The appearance of the villages is characteristic of the Irish. The Corkonians and Fardowners have separate towns, but the respective inhabitants occasionally meet, and celebrate the event by an old-fashioned shindy. Of course, both sections go it strong for "Buck and Breck."

Alconol.—M. Berthelot, of France, has lately solved an interesting problem in relation to the production of alcohol. The same acid (sulphuric) which on being mixed with alcohol and heated to 32.) F. liberates bicarburetted hydrogen, will, if united when cold with bicarburetted hydrogen, water, and carbonate of potash, produce alcohol. M. Berthelot has produced alcohol from common coal gas, but whether the process is cheap enough to entitle him to the thanks of those who would use it as a beverage, remains to be proved.

How to Kill Caterpillars.—A farmer in Massachusetts says that he has found the use of molasses very effectual in destroying caterpillars; that when they are in the nest he has smeared it over with molasses, and that none have ever escaped from it; that they cannot travel over a limb where the molasses has touched, and that it does not in any way injure the tree; and that upon the whole he likes it better than lighted torches, unpowder, soap-suds, whale oil, so h, or even the thumb an finger!



STATE GEOLOGICAL AND AGRICULTURAL HALL, ALBANY, N. V. SWE PAGE 203.

DIPLOMATIC SALARIES .- The act gives the ministers to England DIPLOMATIC SALARIES.—The act gives the ministers to England and France \$17,500 per annum each, and the secondary class of ministers, namely those to Russia, Spain, Austria, Prussia, Brazil, Mexico and China, each \$12,000. Ministers resident are to receive 75 per cent, Chargès d'Affaires 50 per cent, and Secretaries of Legation 15 per cent of these amounts. The Consular service is also wholly remodelled. Consuls are hereafter not to trade directly or indirectly; nor are they to assume diplomatic functions when a diplomatic officer of the United States is in the country. Provision is made for the education of young men for the Consular service. The two best Consulates—Liverpool and London—are hereafter to be salaried at \$7,500. The Consuls at Havana, Havre and Rio de Janeiro are to get \$6,000 each. The other Consulates range from \$1,000 to \$500; all of these at ports with which we have any extended trade being sufficiently remunerated to enable the incumbent to live without doing any other business.

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Without doing any other business.

GIBBON AND THE FRENCH DOCTOR.—A good story of Gibbon is told in the last volume of Moore's Memoir. The dramatis persone were Lady Elizabeth Foster, Gibbon, the historian, and an eminent French physician, courting the lady's favor. Impatient at Gibbon's occupying so much of her attention by his conversation, the doctor said crossly to him, "When the Lady Elizabeth Foster is made ill with your twaddle, I will cure her." On which Gibbon, drawing himself up gradually, and looking disdainfully at the physician, replied, "When my Lady Elizabeth Foster is dead from your recipes, I will immortalize her."

CIRCULATING ABOLITION DOCUMENTS .- John Duberry has been arrested at Columbus, Mississippi, charged with circulating the speeches of Senators Sumner and Seward among slaves. The punishment, on conviction, is ten years in the penitentiary.

The brig Ellen arrived here, Aug. 26, having on board the sub-arine cable lost from the James Adger last summer.

THE SHAKERS.—The number of Shaker Societies now in this country is eighteen, located in seven different States. There are none in any foreign country. The denomination was founded through the instrumentality of a female, Ann Lee, who was born in 1736. She was introduced, as she believed, into the spirit world, and received communications from Christ and Moses, from whom she received instruction, in regard to the principles received instruction, in regard to the principles of the dispensations which they ushered in. The Shakers hold that there have been four dispensations of God to man—the first beginning with Adam, and extending to Abraham; the second extending from Abraham to Jesus; the third from Jesus to Ann Lee; and the fourth from Ann Lee onward. The first Society was established in 1792, near Albany. Albany.

INAUGURATION OF THE STATUE OF FRANKLIN IN BOSTON.—The statue of Benjamin Franklin will be inaugurated in Boston on the 17th of

Boston on the 17th of September. The ceremonies in front of the City Hall, where the statue is to be placed, will consist of addresses by the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, F. W. Lincoln, Jr., Esq., President of the Massachupastor of the church in which Franklin was baptized will be chaplain of the day. James T. Fields has written an ode for the occasion, to be sung by the pupils of the public schools. Colonel N. A. Thompson has been selected for Chief Marshal, and the whole details are in the hands of an efficient committee of the City Council.

WHAT NEXT?—A pickpocket detector has been invented down

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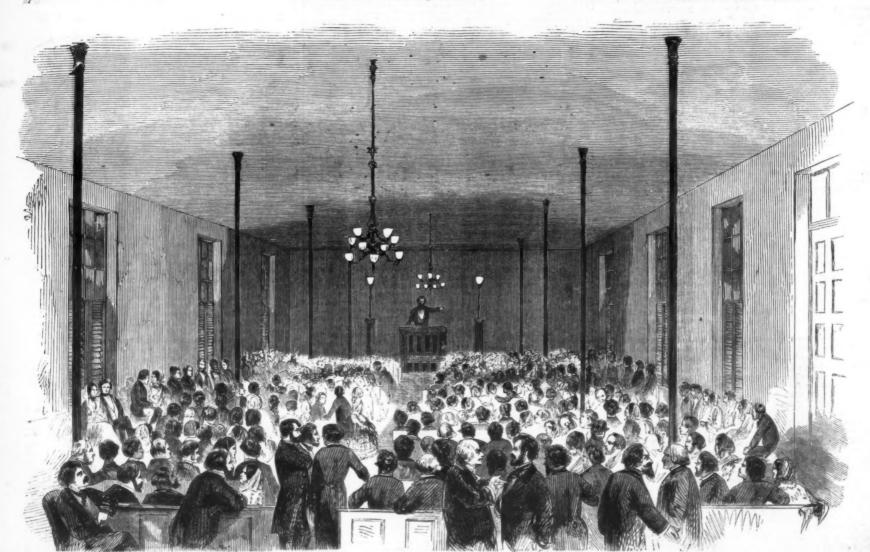
What Next?—A pickpocket detector has been invented down East. It consists externally of a case, resembling that of a watch in size and shape. It has a fob-chain or string, and is worn in the pocket like a watch. Within the case is a bell and spring-hammer, the latter connected with the fob-chain. The supposition is that the thief will suppose that the watch-chain is attached to a bons fide watch, and will accordingly pull the chain in order to obtain the prize; but instead of getting the watch, the watch gets him. The pull sounds the alarm bell, the owner of the watch grabs the rogue, and the policeman conducts him to limbo.

Indian Relics.—Mr. Warren Clark, of Gosport, writes to the Lockport Journal, that the laborers on the canal enlargement, neach his residence, a few days since, came upon a large deposit of human skeletons, numbering probably six hundred. They were all piled together, and though perfect when first exposed to the air, they soon crumbled after coming to the light. It is supposed that this unusual assemblage of human remains is due to the occurrence—perhaps centuries since—of a terrific Indian conflict, the dead of which were all interred in the pit now first opened to the white man's inspection.

MISSIONARIES FOR ASIA.—The following missioneries have to be a contract as a contract of the support of the light.

Missionaries for Asia.—The following missionaries have taken passage in the ship J. Montgomery, to sail from Boston for Bombay: Rev. Messrs. S. R. Fairbank and wife, William Wood and wife, Charles Harding and wife, and S. C. Dean and wife.

Despatches have been received from London in regard to Central merican affairs, and the negotiations are progressing favorably.



SHE GIRL AND

LAMB. AFTER JACOB BECKER. THE rapid advance-ment toward perfec-tion of wood engrav-ing in this country, is among the marvels of our growth in the our growth in the things that refine and educate our people. It must be recollected that but comparatively a few years ago illustrations to books were rare, and pictures in newspapers were things unknown. Now we successfully compete with the best examples across the water, and if we continue to improve, there seems to be a promise that in time we shall seems to be a promise that in time we shall have no rivals. The engraving representing the "Girl and Lamb" was originally produced on the wood by W. J. Linton, an English engraver, who stands at the head of his profession, and who is not only remarkable for his skill and genius in art, but and genius in art, but is celebrated for his is celebrated for his great natural endowments, particularly as exhibited in the "Politician." For many years Mr. Linton headed a party of Chartists or Radicals, and made himself feared by the government; to such an extent was he watched, that he could not go abroad without being followed by the police. For the last lew years, fortunately for the farts, Mr. Linton has returned to the peaceful pursuits of a legitimate profession, and timate profession, and the result is, that the world is charmed by the evidences of his matchless skill. The picture which is so finely illustrated is a creat favorite with all great favorite with all who study its merits. Innocence in the person of the little girl is repeated in the lamb that runs by her side, and catches at side, and catches at the stray flowers she has gathered from the fields. No composi-tion could be more happily conceived, and it has been exe-cuted with a care and fidelity outer pursual fidelity quite unusual to modern pictures.

THE LATE COR-NELIUS BOGART, Esq.

NELIUS BOGART, Esq.
For many years past,
Cor. Bogart, Esq.,
has been known as
one of our oldest and
most esteemed citizens. His recent
death naturally recells to mind some
incidents in his history, and his virtues
demand a more than
passing notice. Mr.
Bogart was born in
the city of New York, on the 14th day of August, 1775. He was
eight days old when the British ship of war Asia, commanded by
Lord Nelson, fired into the city, one ball passing directly over the
house of which he was an occupant. This house stood in Broadway
below Cedar street. His father was one of the Vigilant Committee
of the city, and a price was set upon his head by the British government. His grandfather was Dominie Johannes Ritzema, who
preached in the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church. He was the
grand-nephew of Colonel Ritzema, a skillful and efficient officer,

CORNELIUS BOGART, ESQ., DECEASED.

ARTS. FINE



"GIRL AND LAMB."-FROM AN ENGRAVING AFTER JACOB BECKER.

who fought with us in the commencement of the revolution, and who distinguished himself at the storming of Quebec. The Revolution having fairly begun, the parents of the infant Cornelius left the city and took up their residence at Pompton plains, State of New Jersey. Although a child at the time, he remembered being in the American camp, saw General Washington as Commander-in-chief of the army, and frequently afterwards as President of United States. At a proper age he prepared himself for the practice of the law in the office of Peter Jay Monroe and C. J. Bogart, Esqrs., and was admitted to the bar in 1796, from which early period he performed the active duties of his profession almost up the time of his death. He frequently stated that he was the opposing council in the first cause engaged in by Thomas Addis Emmett. Cornelius Bogart was for many years Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons, and dispensed the large charities of the time-honored order. As executor of John Scudder he directed for the benefit of the widow and orphans the American Museum, which was by him located in its present position. As a politician he was originally a Federalist, and was a strong political and personal friend of Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Within the past year he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding. Mr. Bogart was one of those "old-times citizens" who had no ambition to shine in public life, steadfastly and faithfully performing the duties of his profession; it was alone in the circle of his friends and intimate acquaintances that he was truly known and fully appreciated, and in this circle he was honored and blessed. He died full of years and honor, and leaves a he was truly known and fully appreciated, and in this circle he was honored and blessed. He died full of years and honor, and leaves a large circle of descendants, who can point to his example with pride, and joyously emulate his virtues. Thus pass away those who are connected with the early history of our great metropolis.

JOHN E. GAVITT, ESQ.

MR. GAVITT, widely known to the banking community as one of the Mr. Gavitt, widely known to the banking community as one of the best engravers in the country, is one of those gentlemen who happily combine business with high scientific attainments. As Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, he has come in contact with the intellectual minds of the country, and won, by his urbane manners and his scholarly attainments, a wide-spread and honorable fame. As ambassador to the savans of Europe, from the Association of which he is secretary, he had the pleasure of meeting Airy, Royal Astronomer of England; La Verrier, of France; Argelander, of Germany; Stranor, of Russia, and other equally famous victors in the world of science, and brought back from those master minds not only the sympathy but substantial contributions to the American association. Mr. Gavitt worthily represents a large number of eminent citizens of Albany who find time and have inclination to devote a portion of their time to science, and thus secure to themselves a wider and more noble field of eajsyment than if wholly absorbed in the material parasits of Rus.

CITY CITY INFROVE.

MENTS.—In that part of the city bounded by Broadway, Chambers, Greenwich, and Vesey streets, which is in area less than one-sixteenth of a square mile, there are thirty-seven edifices in the course of erection, designed for the accommodation of first-class mercantile houses. Of this number, ten cover two lots each—either side by side, or fronting on two streets. Estimating the cost of each single edifice at \$20,000, and of the double at \$35,000 each—we have the large sum of eight hundred and ninety thousand dollars in course of expenditure on one class of buildings in a single and really contracted quarter of the city. Besides, within the boundaries we have named, there are three steeps being a single and really contracted the contracted there are three steeps being the sides. have named, there are three stores being ex-tensively altered, and just beyond the limits in Reade, Duane and Fulton streets, there are some half-a-dozen other large buildings of the same class, ap-proaching completion.

A Wire Ballot

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Box.—A ballot box,
constructed of wire,
has been at the
Mayor's office, intended for presentation to the Common
Council, for adoption
in the ensuing genetion to the Common council, for adoption in the ensuing general election, in opposition to the glass ballot box recently submitted. This box is fifteen inches long by nine inches wide and ten inches high. It is made of No. 12 network wire. The top is heavy double cross tin, with an aperture in the centre for the deposit of the ballot, and forms a lid to the box, with lock to fasten it down. The corners are bound with heavy tin similar to the lid, to give the whole requisite strength. This will bear a pressure on the top of five hundred pounds. It will be seen that the box is capable of being locked through is capable of being looked through, and precludes the possibility of "stuffing."
The inventor has taken out a patent.

CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM.—A guest of the Owen's Hotel, Louisville, Intely ascended in his sleep to the top of the house, whence he undertook to descend by the waterspout; losing his hold, he fell an unknown distance. Although seriously bruised, he is not in a dangerous condition. His name is P. Simmons. He is a native of New York.



JOHN E. GAVITT, ESQ., SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIA-TION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

CHESS.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

STRACUSE, August, 1866.

Now long before your problem prises will be decided? [In September.] Allow me to suggest that you made a slight omission in your pian. You forgot to insert a clause providing for enigmas. Fully believing that you will at once repair your neglect by an extra prize, I enter the following—Snigma No. 2. [This is so good that we will send you one of the prizes unless "Annie" or some other lady sends a better.

viding for enigmas. Fully occloving uses, you will also so good that we will send you one of the prizee unless "Annie" or some other ledy sends a better.]

WHYER, K et Q E 5; Es at Q E 3 and K E 8; Es at Q E; Kt as at K 7 and K E 6; Fs at Q E 6, K B 2 and K E 4.

BLACK, K at K E 5; E at Q E 7 as Q E 4, Q 5, K 3, 5 and 6, and K K 5. White playing first, mates in four moves.

Many thanks for causing me to become acquainted with "Shahiludius" (D. W. Fiske). He is trying to establish a chess club here; if he succeeds—and it looks promising—the club will challenge your second-class New York players. More sono.

P. S. (private.)—In my note to D. W. Fiske, I spoke of you as "our mutual friend Fuller"—overtainly perfectly proper since you call me "dear Mellie, as chere," &c. By the bye, allow "dear Neille to send her love to Mrs. F. Tell her I am as spunky a young lady as she is, and won't bare auy more grunting over my letters. I should be happy to "break a lance with you correspondentially or otherwise" to sult yourself. [We much prefer to break a lance with rout correspondence? [Cortainly! all of them.] There must have been considerable dearth of chess items to induce you to publish my last note. [Most respectfully do we be gleave to differ.] If you would like it, give me a hint what would be most acceptable, and I will try and dress up something more worthy of insertion. How would a curious yet short anecdote, with a position in it, do? [We quarantee that most anything from your pen will "do."] With sincers assurances of my regard, allow we to subscribe myself.

▲ lady's P. S. is always the most interesting part of her letter, and yours is too good to be monopolized by one pair of eyes. So we print it, "private! and all. We have also as awared by mail.

own P. S. "Your last letter is received, and reserved for future dissection.

was well drawn, but the problem is capable of two solutions. The position and unnatural. It is far inferior to your second enigma, which has conside Remember Baniel Webster's favorite motio—Nulla restigies references.

To THE CHESS EDITOR.—Dear Sir: I send a six-move problem for examination, and publication, if it "comes up" to your standard. I think it is without flaw. I compose quite a number of problems, "e chess problems," as S. B. C. has it,) but as I have no one to give me an opinion of them, can hardly fell whelse they are good, bad or indifferent. They all seem obvious to me, rather guess some of them are. Read in the "Portfollor" of August 2nd, "The Moral of Chess." It is very good. I remain &c., &c.,

F. S.—Why is a rook, at the commencement of a game as chess, like the letter D?

"To be continued."

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Your six-pounder will receive attention, and be spoiled, if possible. Better incubate a month over a single problem, than make twenty indifferent ones. We prefer compositions in less than six moves, unless the two possessions. We prefer compositions in less than six moves, unless the possession of the six of the control of the co

SYRACUSE, N. Y., August 26. MY few weeks of rustication have so far been about equally divided between Fremmont and chass, and if the great Pathinder is as successful in mating the slave-power this Fall as I have been in my clues campaign in Syracuse, I and my countrymen will be happy men. The true is that the players of the Saline city have little knowledge of the book any men and the saline city have little knowledge of the book any men and readily give the rook. Your correspondent Mellic, however, is nearer my strength. Effort are now being made to organize a club here, which will of course result in bringing out and developing the chess talent of the city.

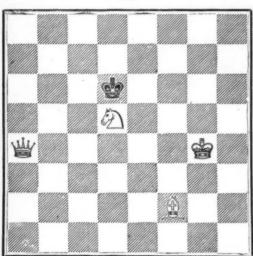
P. 8. In this part of the country Frement has a dead won game. We all play the Lous copaning.

pondent "Nellie" writes us privately that she would prefer a game with us, by ace, and elects the Muzio gambit opening, in fleu of odds. We cheerfully roposition, and will conduct the game through the paper. GAME BY CORRESPONDENCE. MUZIO GAMBIT.

WHITR, Nellie. 1 P to K 4 2 P to K B 4 3 K K t to K B 3 4 K B to Q B 4 5 Castles

PROBLEM XXXIX .- By N. MARACHE .- White to play and mate in four moves.

BLACK



WHITE.

CAME XXXIX .- SICILIAN OPENING .- The third partie of the final match for

the Championship	of the New York	Club, between Messrs.	Perrin and Marac	
WHITE.	BLACK.	WHITE.	BLACK.	
Mr. M.	Mr. P.	Mr. M.	Mr. P.	
1 P to K 4	P to Q B 4	12 Q to Q 2	Castles K R	
2 B to Q B 4	P to K 3	13 Q R to K	Q Kt to Q 5	
8 P to Q3	P to QR3	14 Q Kt to K 2	Kt to K B 4	
4 P to Q R 3	P to Q 4	15 Kt to K Kt 8	Kt to KR 5	
P takes P	P takes P	16 Kt to K R 5	Kt takes Kt	
6 B to R 2	K Kt to B 8	17 Kt takes Kt	B to K Kt 5	
7 QB to KB4	Q Kt to B 3	18 Q to K Kt 5	B takes Kt	
8 Kt to K 2	IL B to Q 3	19 Q takes B	Q to K B 3	
9 QKt to B3	QB to K3	20 B takes Q P	QR to Kt	
10 Castles.	B takes B	21 B to K 4	P to Q Kt 3	
11 Kt takes B	Q to Q 3	22 Q takes R P ma	22 Q takes R P mate.	

ENIGMA BY WILLIAM PRINCE, FLUSHING.

WHITE: Kat KKt 3; Rat Q 7; Kt at K 4; Bat K 3; Pawns at K B 4 and K R 5.

MLACK: Kat K R 2; Qat K R; P's at K R 5 and Q B 7; Bat K B 6; Kt at K 8;

Pat K K 2.

White to play and mate in three moves.

BLACK.

1 K takes B
2 R takes Kt
3 K move

The State Universalist Convention met at Albany, August 26. setween three and four hundred delegates were present. It is the annual secting to deliberate on matters of interest connected with the charge.

FINANCIAL.

THERM has been quite an active stock market this week, but prices were irregular. Generally, however, there was considerable firmness evinced and less disposition on the part of the sellers for a fall to operate. The shorts have taken in considerable stock, but there were many who consider the present reaction in prices as eally temporary, and who look for another fall in a few days. They bear their opinion upon the expectation of a more stringent money market, arising from the usual fall gontraction of bank loans, and upon the absence of parties from town who usually operate on the bulk side. The bears do not appear disposed to sell short very freely, while there is an equal indifference on the part of the bulk to operate. There is yet too much uncertainty in regard to the future of the money market, and a general disposition to await the developments of the next three or four weeks. For the moment, the cessation of large specie shipments to Europe, and the considerable depiction of the Sub-Treasury which must take place during the coming sixty days are favorable features; but the foreign drain may revive at any moment, and before the ahipments of the new Cotton become important, the loss of specie may render it necessary for the banks to seriously contract their loans. These considerable business doing, generally at firm prices. The financial week, besides opening with a good Bank statement, unexpectedly favorable in the line of specie, has been an easy one for demand loans, and is likely to show a considerable transfer of gold from the Sub-Treasury to the Banks. There is a better inquiry for strictly first class paper at the discount brokers, though the rates are unchanged, 8,0 9 generally at terms 10/2/12 gent. These terms indicate ½ @ 1 gent. higher interest than the currency of the previous week or ten days. The demand at Bank from regular dealers is not generally excessive, but in the case of some of the larger institutions, doing business mainly with the importers, the offering is ahead of their current

hereiofore been greatly minunderstood, as well as exaggerated—money is had at 7 % cent.

The Bank statement was generally received in the street as favorable, the loans having been contracted about \$1,200,000, while the specie reserve shows a small increase. The usual contraction of deposits at this season is going on, and the reduction of loans is the natural result. The interior Bank balances are being drawn down to some extent by the movement in produce, but the principal loss is in city deposits. The nominal reduction of deposits is \$1,886,006, but the real amount, sillowing for the operations of the Clearing-House, is \$1,387,000. In the present state of things the Banks are governed more by their deposit line than by their specie. It is not probable that the specie line will vary much during the coming two or three weeks, the arrival nearly due from California and the disbursments of the Sub-Treasury counteracting the foreign shipments and the payments for duties, but the deposits will probably continue to fall off as the Fall business increases, and induce a further contraction of loans. The loans are now over \$2,000,000 below the highest point. The comparison with the previous week is as follows:

Loans & Dis.

Specie. Circulation.

Deposits.

Aug. 16....\$111,406,756

\$12,806,672

\$8,584,449

\$9,013,229

Decrease...\$1,218,751

Decrease... \$1,218,751 \$1,886,006 \$3,914

Increase... \$108,060 \$43,914
The receipts of tolls on the New York canals show a falling off this year so far, in comparison with the light tolls of last year, amounting to \$105,832; and in comparison with the receipts of 1848 a decrease of \$806,432. The tolls are less now than they have been during the past fifteen years.

THE MARKETS.

TRURSDAY, August 28.—Onfec.—The pendency of an auction sale of 8,000 bags Blo for Priday has checked to a considerable extent the operations of the trade. Sales at 19% @ 11%c., and skimmings at 9% @ 9%c. The stock of Rio is 81,837 bags.

Cation.—The market ruise uniform. For the limited business doing full prices are realized. We repeat our quotations:

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THE London Times has sent a special correspondent to the United States, and here is his account of this city: "I would attempt to give a description of New York in the limits of a letter it could be done with any success; but it would be an reasonable to attempt to describe London in the same space. Sinking all topographical details, dates, and history, therefore, a few of the more prominent characteristics of the place are all that can be at present noted. Those who fancy New York a more bany provincial and commercial city—a sort of Liverpoel—will be surprised to find it a great metropolis, or misistably a capital, with many indignised to find it a great metropolis, and misistably a capital, with many indignised or described and the special states of the country. For the special states of the country, the special states of the country. For the special states of the country, the special states of the special states of the country. For the special states of the special states of the time. The amount of building now in progress is enormous, and for the summent rather inconvenient. In some streets, particularly near the business end of the city, every third house appears to be pulled down, and in a few months even a native is surprised at the change. Bick is becoming marble with wonderful celerity; and the native marble, if well selected, is a beautiful building material; it is as white at that of the Italian quarriers which supply the statuary, and which we use for internal decorations, but have not applied with wonderful celerity is and the native marble, if well selected, is a beautiful building material; it is as white at that of the Italian quarriers which supply the statuary, and which we use for internal decorations, but have not applied with wonderful celerity; and the native marble, if well selected, is a beautiful building material; it is as white as that of the Italian quarriers which supply the statuary, and which we use for internal decorations, but have not applied with w

"There are some things about the American metropolis which, though striking the eye less than its general lightness and love of ornament, from the shops of the region of traffic to the palatial mansions of the Fifth avenue—the Faubourg St. Germain of the capital—are more deserving of praise and initiation. It is better supplied with water than any city in the world—an inestimable blessing in this climate; and the arrangement of the streets is so admirably simple it is impossible to lose your way after a little study of the plan, though the distances, it must be admitted, are perfectly Russian. The Broadway must be measured by miles. Luckily, complue rates are low, for by an inexplicable adherence to a node of conveyance we have abandoned, the old heavy hackney coach, double-horsed and extortionate, still holds its place, and the light, bandy cab of London is unknown. The private vehicles are mostly open and of the lighest possible build, running on mere rings with threadlike spokes—the most fragile-looking things ever put together for locomotion. With their fast trotting horses, to which the youth of the city are much addicted, they fly along with perilous speed, quite in keeping with the national vivideness of life—with something, too, of the equally national disregard of it. I shall have to notice many other points in the external aspects of the city hereafter; the subject is not easily exhausted, neither is it old. What is always changing requires periodically to be described anew."

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Among the prominent members attending on the Scientific Congress are Dr. Gibbon, of North Carolina, Dr. Francis Leiber, of Charleston, South Carolina, Professors Hare, Redfield, Hitchcock, Agassis, Bache, Henry Coffin, Gould, Peirce, Walcott Gibbs, Haldeman, Rogers, Hall, Lovering, Horsford, Dewey, Batchelder, Johnson, Mitchell, Alexander, Sir Wm. E. Logan, Superintendent of the Geological Survey of Canada, Dr. John La Conte; Miss Maria Mitchell, of Nantucket, the astronomer, and Miss Margaretta Morris. Invitations were extended, in the name of the Association, to Liebig, Humboldt, Airy, Argelander, Leverriere and others, but while the most friendly letters have been received from these gentlemen, unavoidable circumstances kept them from being present.

In spite of a heavy rain, at ten o'clock on Wednesday, the 20th of August, the Convention met in the Assembly Chamber of the State Capitol; the spacious room was filled, and a number of ladies added a charm by their presence. Professor James Hall called the meeting to order, and at his request the Rev. Dr. Sprague made an opening prayer. He expressed thanks for the privilege of scientific investigation, for the increased means of usefulness furnished to the human race by late discoveries in science, and for the revenue of praise ascending to the Author of all good through their means. He expressed thanks for the establishment of this Association, and for its past success, and implored new blessings upon it and fresh ones as the results of its present deliberations.

Professor Hall followed with an introductory address, in which he exhibited great modesty and distrust of his ability to fill the position to which he had been appointed. He alluded to the objects of the Association, which are the advancement, not the diffusion of Science, whence, of course, the public should not expect from the Convention any popular display, nor that any effort should be made on the part of members to present their contribution

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Judge Parrent Address of the Association: As a member of the Local Committee, the agreeable duty has been devolved upon me of welcoming you, at this tenth Annual Meeting of the Association, to our State and city. We recur with pleasure to the fact that this is the second time we have been honored by your presence within the last five years; and we trust our city may be found so desirable a point for the sittings of the Association, with reference to its locality, its public institutions, the love of science, and the energetic devotion of many here to its interests, as to lead to its selection frequently hereafter as the place of meeting. We shall always stand ready to extend to all its members and to all who are attracted to its meetings, as we now do, a most cordial welcome. The hopes of science in this country centre in this association. It embraces the most learned men not only of our own country but of the whole American continent. We are proud of the reputations of our men of science, already commanding the respect and admiration of the old world. Who is not proud of the reputations of Henry, Siliman, Hall, and Bache? Who does not rejoice that the love of science of the great Franklin is continued in his descendants? Who is not proud of Henry, Pierce, Mitchel, and Dana, and the many others who are by no means to be considered as forgotten on an occasion like this, because not specially named? Who does not rejoice that Agassız, the great European naturalist, was attracted to make our country his residence, as well by the congeniality of his associates here as by the wide field afforded for scientific exploration?

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We claim with pride our full share in the great scientific discoveries of the age. But we must never forget that Science has no country—that it is limited only by the Universe of God—that it is but the development of truth which pervades all the works of the Creator, revealed to its votaries in proportion to the merit with which it is pursued; rewarding with its attainment, not only those who seek for knowledge for the intrinsic pleasure its acquisition affords, but blessing, in some form, the whole human race, by its benign aid to the advancement of agriculture, commerce and manufactures. Science thus rewards all, by affording to some the highest mental enjoyment, and to others a vast increase of physical comforts.

In the spirit of this universality of Science and in the hope of promoting more extensively the objects of this Association, an effort was made to secure the attendance, at this meeting, of many of the learned men of Europe. A general printed circular was addressed to the European savans last winter, from the Association; but the invitations from the local committee were not sent till June, in consequence of the delay incident to the correspondence with shipowners and agents on both sides of the Atlantic. The owners of ocean steamers and packet ships promptly and most generously responded to the request of the Local Committee. More than thirty-five passages across the Atlantic, both ways, were placed at our disposal. These free passages were tendered only to those most eminent in science. Such men could hardly be expected to leave their important positions and trusts on so short a notice. They all responded to our invitations most gratefully, and expressed an earnest desire to visit this country and to attend upon the present occasion. It was expected, indeed, until very recently, that

doubtless prevents many of the learned men of England from attending here.

The Local Committee avail themselves of this occasion to express the great obligation they feel to the shipowners and mercantile marine of the country for the great liberality they have evinced in the manner before stated.

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The Local Committee had thought it best to avail themselves of the presence or the Association to inaugurate two institutions: the State Geological Hall and the Dudley Observatory. They had hoped that the vast geological collection of the State, for which we are so much indebted to your President, Prof. Hall, would have been arranged and placed in the new building erected by the State for that purpose in time for the present meeting; but the abrupt adjournment of the Legislature without passing the supply bill, has prevented its completion, and delayed the arrangement of the specimens. Meantime large additions to these collections are being made by the curator, Col. Jewett, who is now in the field for that purpose.

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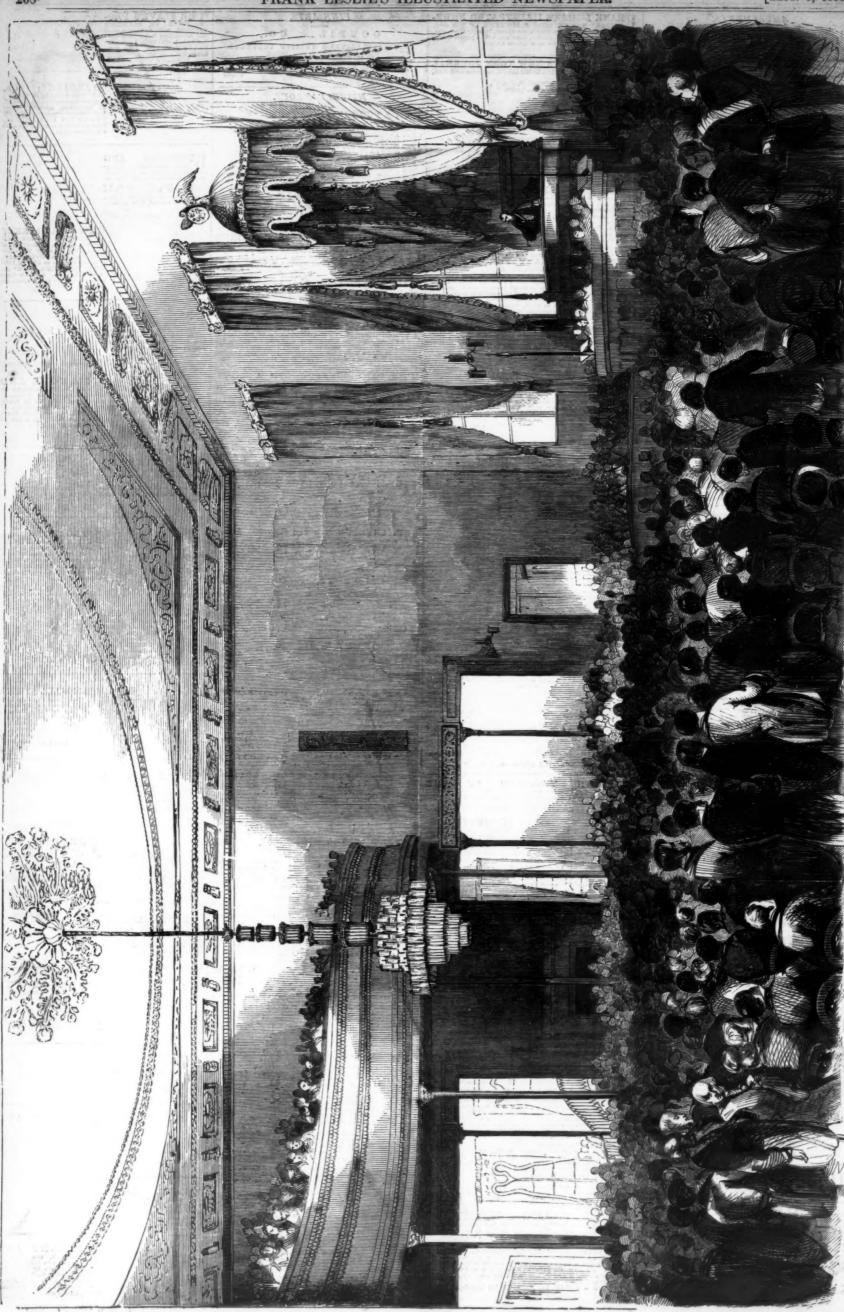
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